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## From the President

BY SUZY H. ANDRY '59

Charity's Homecoming! The very words fill me with excitement. And Homecoming 2005 is going to be one for the books! If you have never attended an alumni event in your life, this is the one you do not want to miss. And if you are a regular at our alumni get-togethers, then I hardly need to tell you that Homecoming 2005 is going to be one to knock your socks off!

Of course we will gather at the **School of Nursing** on Saturday morning to renew our acquaintance with the old



Alma Mater, as well as renew our friendships with classmates of days gone by. You'll want to meet "Kelly" and his buddies, the new state-of-the-art training manikins that can exhibit realistic symptoms for every disease under the sun, and recover in time for the next class period! And a special added attraction: tours of the

newly renovated residence hall. You won't recognize the old dormitory!

Plus food: enjoy breakfast and lunch while you peruse the scrapbooks, make your selection of our great souvenirs, and enter our dynamite raffles! Homecoming Hint: bring those pesky return address labels we all get free in the mail. They are great for sharing your address with friends, and for sticking on all those raffle tickets! One raffle sneak preview to get your mouth watering: Sally Cooper's niece will be creating one of her fabulous collector-quality dolls, dressed in an authentic Cadet Nurse Corps uniform!

The **Sunday Brunch** is the place to hold your class reunions, especially since we're giving special souvenir gifts to the class with the most attendees at Homecoming 2005. We all know the Wyndham's spectacular view of the River, and of course their scrumptious food. Yum!

### Honoring Military Nurses

Now the piece de resistance: Saturday evening. This year is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II.



*Homecoming 2005 to honor Military & Cadet Nurses*

And we decided we want to say thank you to the thousands of nurses who served in that war and who continue to serve in every conflict with little recognition of their courage and sacrifice. So we are presenting "**Nurses Report for Duty: Honoring Military Nurses Past & Present**," a celebration of the contributions of nurses who have served in the armed forces and in the Cadet Nurse Corps. And where better to celebrate than New Orleans' own **National D-Day Museum**! There will be live 40s-era music, a contest for best period attire (so pull those great old 40s outfits out of the attic!), plus did I mention food? Oh, the food - Wow!

The D-Day Museum is also going to create a special exhibit specifically for our event: artifacts, letters, photos and uniforms of nurses and Cadets who served in WWII. Your mementoes can be part of this exhibit - see the article on page 9.

### A Lasting Tribute

Now, the Board of Directors were struck by what an awesome partnership we had created here. The National

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# From the Executive Director BY DORIS BURVANT '60

It is membership renewal time! I have been contacted by a number of alumni requesting reminders to be sent to them about when their dues are due. Maybe one of these days we will become more computerized and offer that service, but in the meantime, we are going to try a reminder mailing once a year for everyone. We have just completed such a mailing in March to those members who had not yet joined, or had not paid their dues for 2005. So far, it has been a great success. Thank you for responding to the letters, and we hope to continue to receive many more membership renewals!

Remember, only paid members of the Alumni Association receive the *Alumni News* in the late fall, and only paid members can cast their votes for our Board of Directors and officers. If you are unsure about your membership dues, you can check your mailing label. Across the top are several numbers, but the last set of numbers is the year your membership expires. (A zero means you have never paid your dues.) If you have any questions, call or write the Alumni Office. If you have misplaced your membership dues form, there is one in this issue on page 12.

## Homecoming 2005

Homecoming 2005 will be here before you know it. We need volunteers! Right now we're looking for people for the Fundraising Committee chaired by Lisa Stokes-Hasten. She has done a great job, but she could use help and contacts. Everyone knows someone who will make a donation! Lisa can help you with ideas to get started, and we have an information packet you can give to potential donors.

The weekend of Homecoming, we will need people to sell souvenirs, serve coffee at breakfast and beverages at lunch, help staff the raffle tables, and work at the registration table to name a few possibilities. If you can assist us please call, write or e-mail the office.

## Send us a Letter

If you are (sadly) unable to attend Homecoming 2005, please write a letter about how you are and what you are doing so we can post it on the bulletin board at the School of Nursing during the Homecoming festivities. Your classmates will appreciate hearing from you! In your letter, please include your full name and the year you graduated.

## Make Your Reservations Early!


PLEASE, please, please, purchase your tickets to Homecoming in advance - as soon as possible, but definitely by **September 30, 2005**. We need to know numbers when ordering food, etc. I am sure that you understand our problem. We will be giving special souvenir prizes for the class with the most alumni in

attendance at Homecoming 2005, but only those class members who purchase their tickets in advance will count in the competition and qualify to receive prizes.

## Reunions

If you are planning a class reunion, please let me know. I will be glad to send to you a list of your classmates. I know this project takes time, but I hope that someone in your class will say, "This is the year! Let's get together!" Homecoming is a great time for a reunion. You don't have to go through all the planning for a special get-together, just arrange for your class to gather at the Brunch on Sunday, October 9. Instant reunion, and you might just win those special souvenirs for the class with the most in attendance!

## Relive the Memories

I hope this Homecoming has record attendance. The School of Nursing is looking forward to welcoming you back home. There will be tours of the School of Nursing and the newly renovated residence. We might even be able to arrange hospital tours. And bring your checkbook so you can enter our beaucoup raffles and buy our terrific souvenirs! It's a great year to stroll down memory lane. SEE YOU IN OCTOBER!!! 

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## Treasurer's Report 2004

BY URSULA ALLAIN '65

### Expenditures

Afghans	1,149	
Executive Director	5,415	
Mail Boxes	3,268	
Meetings	10,171	
Office	394	
Sr. Blanche Award	185	
Scholarships	4,041	
Scrapbooks	213	
Souvenirs	90	
<i>The White Cap</i>	10,592	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>35,518</b>

### Revenues

Afghans	1,725	
Alumni Fund	5,098	
Dividends (Bank One)	1,762	
CE Offerings	880	
Membership Dues		11,270
50/50	614	
Interest (Fidelity)	174	
Homecoming 2005	5,270	
Mail Boxes	1,018	
Meetings	9,596	
Raffle (Feb 2004)	86	
Scholarships Donations	4,180	
Souvenirs	1,586	
<i>The White Cap</i> Fund	3,374	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>46,633</b>



## From the Dean

BY PATRICIA EGGERS

Charity School of Nursing continues to grow. There are currently 815 students enrolled. We are big and busy. We have 69 full-time and 15 adjunct faculty; the Medical Center of Louisiana supplies one faculty member to CSN.

The evening division is in its third semester. It is thriving, and the Fall will bring us to a full house.

CSN is now a CEU provider. If you need CEUs for a nursing program, Charity can work with you. The CEU director is Dr. Debbie Evers; she can be reached at 504-568-2630.

As the world changes, so must we! A completely on-line nursing course, Nursing Assessment, was offered this semester. This is our first foray into a full on-line nursing course. Now, all of our regular courses have an

on-line component utilizing Blackboard, a web-based learning, discussion, and class administration program. Most instructors utilize the computer for instruction.

Imagine coordinating drug testing and criminal background checks for 800+ students! That is what happened this semester. Agencies are requiring this, so students and faculty were lined up for weeks.

In 2004, two-hundred and sixty RNs graduated from CSN. Since our first graduation with Delgado in December 1992, there have been 2,509 ADN graduates. Charity continues to respond to the needs of the community.

The students, faculty and staff are all looking forward to seeing each of you at Homecoming 2005 in October! We have so many exciting new things to share with you. Your support means so much to all of us. We can't thank you enough!

See you on October 8! ☘

## Letter from the President

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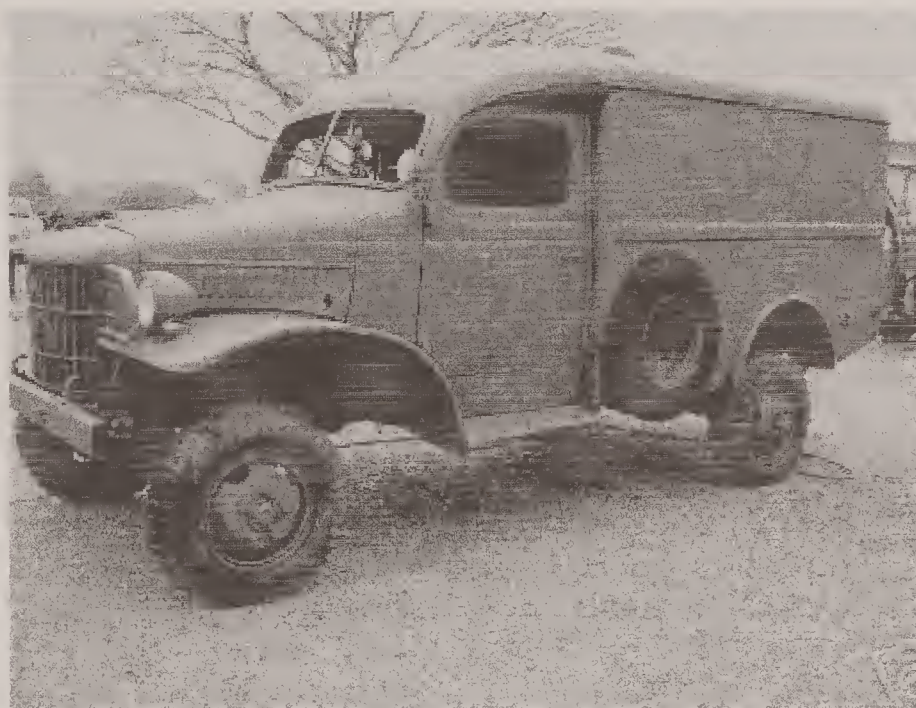
D-Day Museum has received world-wide acclaim for the excellence of its exhibits, its extensive collections and its oral histories about World War II. Charity is located right in the same town, and has many military and Cadet Nurse graduates. It seems especially appropriate for our Alumni Association to take a leadership role to encourage the recognition of the contributions of military and Cadet Nurses in WWII. So we have embarked upon something entirely new for this organization. We are raising money to purchase an **actual WWII ambulance** to give to the National D-Day Museum as a lasting tribute to the nurses who served in that war.

### A Little Lagniappe

So today, when you pull out your checkbook to order your Homecoming tickets, consider becoming one of our Homecoming Patrons by making a little extra donation to help us purchase this ambulance. We have our eye on a beautiful 1941 ambulance (*see photo*), that with your help, can be secured and restored in time to be unveiled at Homecoming 2005! And to add a little more fun, alumni are invited to **"Name the Ambulance!"** with the winning name to be selected by the National D-Day Museum. See the Homecoming Reservation Form on page 15 to purchase your tickets, become a patron, and suggest a name for our little creampuff!

### Order Your Tickets Now

Most of all, fill out that Reservation Form today! This is going to be a popular event, and we are begging you, alumni, please order your tickets in advance rather than wait and pay at the door. You know how difficult it is to plan for the right amount of seats and food when those



*Can you name this WWII ambulance?*

unexpected guests arrive at the door! Plus you will have to wait in long lines to register, instead of grabbing your badge and sailing in to start having fun!

You know you want to be there! What are you waiting for? Send in your Homecoming reservation today! ☘

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# Remembering the Cadet Nurse Corps

*When the United States entered World War II, it soon became clear that a crisis was looming: there would not be enough nurses to serve the needs of both the war front and the citizens at home.*

*In 1943, the Bolton bill established the United States Cadet Nurse Corps to encourage young women to enroll in nursing school and channel them into military and civilian hospitals.*

*Nursing schools around the country participated, and student nurses who joined the Corps were eligible for a government subsidy for tuition, books and uniforms as well as a small living stipend. In return, Cadets committed to working where they were most needed, in essential civilian, federal or military hospitals, or in public or rural health services.*

*By 1945, 85% of the country's nursing students were members of the Corps. The Cadet Nurse Corps was responsible for the training of 124,000 nurses, and provided 80% of the nursing staff for civilian hospitals during the war. ❧*



*Edna Gannon '46, Cadet Nurse*

## Edna Gannon Treuting '46

Our class was the first Cadet Nurse group at Charity. We were admitted in February 1943. Since there was a war going on, two classes per year were admitted. The classes were large, but many students dropped out or were dismissed for various reasons. We wore our Cadet uniforms for special occasions, but our regular white CHSN uniforms for duty on wards.

The majority of students dated servicemen, but we were NOT allowed to be married while we were students. Servicemen were invited to our school dances which were a lot of fun. We were also taken to USO dances. Our dedicated "house mothers" dutifully watched to see that we signed in accurately as we returned at night. One minute or more late, and it was considered a late leave. I don't remember how many we were allowed, but abuse of late leaves resulted in being restricted to campus or possibly driving the elevator for a period of time.

In order to accommodate two classes into one graduation exercise per year, our February 1943 class' course work had to be completed to graduate with the September 1942 group, but we were not finished until all our clinical requirements were met and 3 years were up. Therefore we are known as the Class of 1946. Time had to be allowed for the Cadets to serve at a military base depending on the branch of service chosen, but students could be refused leave if the hospital school with a Cadet program was too short of nurses.

One Christmas Eve night, soldiers were allowed to sleep on the sixth floor, in the area used by nursing students as a practice lab for bed-making, etc. I was a

Junior on night duty and my floor supervisor told me to take a break and to go to the sixth floor to talk with those poor soldiers. She said they needed someone young to talk to.

Part of our clinical rotation was in the communicable disease unit (a separate building at the rear of the hospital) where we cared for patients with malaria, typhoid, syphilis, etc. A number of these were discharged soldiers.

WWII ended in 1945, just as my class was ready for six months of service at a base or at a hospital needing nursing help. Since the war was over and my big brother was returning from his tour as a pilot flying the India/China hump, I chose to stay at Charity in the "premature nursery" which I loved. We frequently had a hundred plus premies and could use every experienced nurse available.

That's just the tip of the iceberg of our very strict nursing training during the war, but I loved every minute of it. ❧

## Marion Comas Serveson '46

I was a senior at Edison High School in Miami, Florida, when WWII was declared in 1941. I immediately decided to be a Navy Nurse rather than pursue my goal to be a physical education teacher, and me with no classes in anatomy, chemistry, or any basic classes for nursing!

When I announced my plans to my parents, my dad was emphatic when he said, "No way, it's a hard life."

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## Marion Comas Serveson Continued

Then I announced I wanted to attend Charity Hospital School of Nursing in New Orleans. That brought forth another "No! That the city is no place for my 19-year-old daughter!" My mother stated simply, "I wish you would not be a nurse, but I will support you if you really want to be a nurse."

So in February 1943, I enrolled in nursing school at Charity Hospital. My class was named after General Douglas MacArthur. When the Cadet Nurse Corps application arrived at school, I knew that was for me, so I joined - one step closer to becoming a Navy Nurse.

We were issued our uniforms of gray with accents of red. I even got a nice raincoat, the first raincoat I had ever owned. Last, but not least, a monthly check! It was small but welcome.

When my orders finally came, I was assigned to Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Virginia. We had 30 cadets in our class. When we arrived at the hospital, we were told we could not date enlisted men because we were officer material, and we could not date officers because we were not officers. My first assignment was sick officer quarters. This was an exciting day in my life. I was 19-years-old, meeting all these war heroes. The Navy Nurse on the unit explained the routine, my duties, and did a review of the charts. The Navy did a procedure I was not familiar with. It was called a short arm inspection.

One day during the holidays, I had the OD duty and all the cadets wanted to know how late we could stay out on New Year's Eve. The orders finally came in: "0030" which I interpreted that to be 3am. I spread the news, only to be followed by a clarification: 12:30am. The Cadets were very disappointed, and I had to take some classes in



*Left: Nell Decoteau '46 and other nursing students off-duty in front of Charity. Right: Gladys Deaton in her Cadet Nurse Corps summer uniform.*

military time.

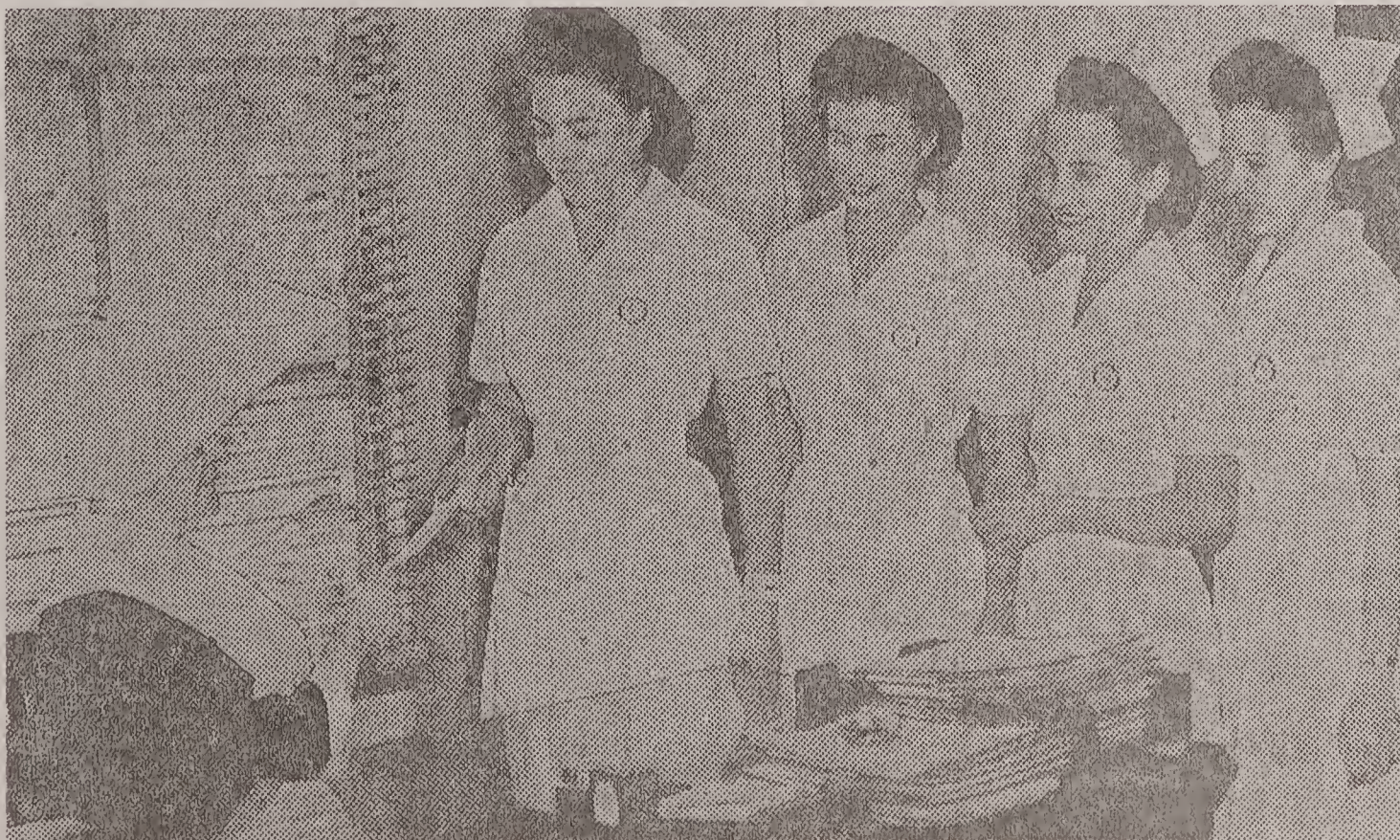
The Navy RNs ate in their Nurse's Residence dining room with table service and they voted against the Cadet Nurses dining in their dining room. So the cadets were assigned to eat with the duty officers. The Cadet Nurses ate three meals a day with the duty officers. Good steak and beans were frequently on the menu - even for breakfast!

Then came the news that the war had ended. This meant that no more Navy nurses were needed. It was a great experience to meet those WWII heroes face to face. Another great experience was when 15 of the 30 cadets left the Naval hospital with diamonds on the third fingers of their left hands. The end of the war changed my plans.

I did not become a Navy Nurse, but I became a Navy wife.

I would do it all over again if I were young enough! ❧

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*(From left) Charity students Doris Pereira, Ethel Chachere, Doris Jacoby and Edna Gannon receive their first paychecks as Cadet Nurses from Sister Stanislaus. Photo courtesy of The Times-Picayune.*



## Remembering the Cadet Nurse Corps Continued

### Anna Darcey Grade '46

I graduated at sixteen from a high school run by the Sisters of Charity, St. Stephen's School. I had always wanted to be a nurse, but could not afford to go to nursing school. My mother suggested that I start in business school so that I could work and save money. So I worked, bought War Bonds, and saved money for nursing school.

Then, one of my high school teachers suggested I talk with Sister Sylvia at Charity Hospital School of Nursing. Sister Sylvia told me that the military was using so many doctors and nurses for the war effort that the government was starting a program to educate nurses for the home front.

I was accepted as a Cadet Nurse for the September 1943 class at Charity. It was a large class, and my dreams were alive! Uniforms were furnished as well as a \$15-a-week allowance. The Daughters of Charity teachers were great, and the shorthand and typing I learned in business school helped me take notes and type reports! In return for our education we were to give six months to the government working stateside.

The war ended before I graduated in 1946, but my husband (now a retired surgeon) served in WWII as a Captain in the Medical Corps in the European theater for four years. My daughter is a nurse, and my grandson is now doing his residency at Charity Hospital. ☞

### Jean Carrigan '47

I could never have gone to Charity without the Cadet Nurse Corps. I'm grateful, and I wonder if some similar program might help solve today's nursing shortage. I was at Charity from 1944 to 1947. I spent my Senior Cadet period at DePaul Sanitarium in New Orleans. From 1947 to 1984 I worked at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

In 1983, after 36 years at the VA, I was proud to be awarded the Administrator's Hands & Heart Award, given annually to recognize an outstanding employee for exceptional, sustained, compassionate, direct patient care. The Cadet Corps and Charity enabled me to accomplish this. ☞

*Jean Carrigan '47, Cadet Nurse*



*Anna Darcey '46, Cadet*

### Ravenell Maris "Nell" Decoteau '46 BY EARLINE DECOTEAU

I was Nell's little sister Earline. I admired the "outfits" worn by the Cadets and the exciting lives they led. I particularly remember that Cecil B. DeMille of Paramount Pictures in Hollywood selected the beauty court!

It was fun to have Nell's friends over for visits. Anna Mae Darcy actually taught me to ride a two-wheeled boy's bike.

Newlyweds Nell and Jerry Vincent were killed in a tragic auto-train collision in 1949. ☞

### Rose Mary Bertrand Breaux '47

At the start of WWII, I was working as a bookkeeper and volunteering at Charity Hospital at night as a Nurses' Aide. I became interested in nursing and inquired about the Cadet Nurse Program. It sounded just right for me. My last six months I worked in Nursing Arts, teaching pre-clinicals - the fundamentals of nursing. After graduation, I remained in Nursing Arts as an assistant teacher and then, over the years, was promoted to Associate Director of Nursing. I would not have had this opportunity if not for the Cadet Nurses Corps. ☞



*Nell Decoteau, 1945*



# Cadet Nurse Corps Equity Legislation Update

*Cadet Nurses were enlisted in a uniformed military service in time of war, under the command of the United States Public Health Service and the Surgeon General of the United States, but they have never been granted veteran status. In 1997, the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps Equity Act was introduced by Congresswoman Nita Lowey to recognize the Cadets as veterans and enable them to receive non-retroactive veterans benefits. The bill died in committee, and attempts to reintroduce it have met with similar results. This is an update on the legislative status by our friend from Yonkers, New York, Anne Kakos.*

The Washington DC office of Congresswoman Nita Lowey of the New York 18<sup>th</sup> Congressional District has stated that "Lowey is in the process of re-introducing the United States Cadet Nurse Corps Equity Act, and wants a companion bill to be re-introduced in the Senate at the same time in Congress."

Congressman Christopher Smith, Chairman of the Veterans' Affairs; Wilma L. Vaught, Brigadier General, USAF, retired, President of the Women's Memorial; and Richard D. Murray, Major General, retired, President of the National Association of Uniformed Services, express their support and urge Cadet Nurses to continue to write and telephone their Congressional legislators both in the House and Senate to communicate the urgency of this bill. It is a great disappointment that our Cadets have yet to be officially recognized as Veterans of the United States.

Colleagues and friends of Cadet Nurses, please contact your Congressional legislators.

Cadet Nurses: call Shannon Hickey Olsen for your "Cadet Nurse Card" 1-301-837-0929. Also, please call and register at the Women's Memorial 1-800-222-2294 for historical purposes.

For more information, check the internet, or send a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to:  
Anne R. Kakos,  
28 Mulberry St.,  
Yonkers, New York  
10701-6004. ☺



*Sylvia Jacoby '43 (left) stationed at Barnes General Hospital in Vancouver, Washington, as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.*

## Military Nurses Share Their Memories

Sylvia Jacoby Miller '43

After graduating from CHSN in 1943, I joined the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, and was sent to Fort Hood in Washington State for basic training. I particularly remember one night while I was in basic training. Our group of new recruits was being taught how to march together. We went on an overnight bivouac; a beautiful moonlit night, with our instructor - a single, male officer. When we stopped for the night, we slept in sleeping bags (in some bags the zippers got stuck). On that particular night, a whole unit of male soldiers was on an overnight march, several miles from our campsite. As they marched, they were all "chanting cadence," which was very impressive. For some comic relief, we learned how to dig latrines!

I was stationed at Barnes General Hospital in Vancouver, Washington. I worked as a 2nd Lieutenant at Barnes General for almost a year, as charge nurse in EENT Clinic, and some night duty on the TB wing of the hospital. Most of our patients were wounded officers and soldiers with a dozen or so prisoners of war.

Just after the war was declared over, I had to make a

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# Military Nurses

Sylvia Jacoby Miller *Continued*

hurried trip home - my father was dying in a hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. I was fortunate to get passage on a "Furlowee" (furlough) train going from San Francisco to Chicago. There was NO food, no diner car on the entire train - just carloads of soldiers. Midway between San Francisco and Chicago, a whole town turned out with food of all sorts: sandwiches, fried chicken, fruit, cakes and cookies, soft drinks, and hot coffee. The food was spread out on picnic tables which stretched out about three city blocks long, placed between the train and the railroad station. It had been specially brought there to care for the needs of the soldiers on that particular train!

In August 1945, I married my home state boyfriend, a navy pilot. We had a two day honeymoon at Carmel-by-the-Sea. I had to be back on duty at Barnes the next day. I asked for my discharge in October and in November returned to Florida with my husband when he was discharged from the Navy.

My "on duty" seersucker uniforms were conveniently used as maternity dresses while I was carrying our first child, who was born a year later. ☸

Glynis Marlene Smith Chadwick '55

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. U.S. Air Force 1964-1967

Growing up in the 1940's, I decided at the age of nine that I would either be a singing cowgirl or an Army nurse. I never became comfortable on a horse but in August of 1952 I got on a Greyhound bus in Tampa, Florida, and headed for my future in nursing at Charity Hospital in New Orleans.

The Army nurse dream faded as we graduated into peacetime but I guess it never left completely. In 1964, my Charity roommate Pauline Carter and I joined the Air Force. We were assigned to Travis Air Force Base in northern California. As the conflict in Vietnam heated up, Travis became the main staging area for the returning injured, and we all had to work extra shifts with them until they set up a special Air Evac unit.

Those war movies I saw as a kid didn't begin to show the horror of real battlefield wounds. Most of the troops had been injured only a few days before. We cleaned them up, changed dressings, fed them (real milk was a big treat), and offered a free phone call home (provided by the Red Cross). I remember a young marine who lost an arm and a leg in a land mine explosion calling his mother and cheerfully telling her he was doing just great.

Every time we went to the Officer's Club we would meet someone on their way to Vietnam. We would spend the evening talking with them and never knew what

happened to them. One Friday night, John Wayne was at "Happy Hour," dressed in fatigues and on his way to visit the troops.

I would have willingly gone to Vietnam but the Air Force didn't begin sending female nurses until late 1965. Instead, I received orders for Izmir, Turkey, and arrived there in June of 1966. Izmir was headquarters for Land Southeast NATO. The hospital was in an old hotel in town, and we cared for military personnel from all countries and their dependents. Izmir was one of the more modern Turkish cities but we had no telephones and no TV. Equipment was not what I had become used to in the modern world, but the resourcefulness I learned at Charity stood me well.

My most hazardous duty was in the delivery room. My first night on duty, a woman came in with her 6th pregnancy. The doctor on duty told me to send the ambulance for him (no phones) when she was dilated eight centimeters. Egad, I must have missed that class! He gave me a crash course in pelvic exams, I checked the poor woman every time she yelled, and finally sent for him at 5am. L & D was never my favorite area! ☸

Aline E. LaFond '41

In WWII, I was assigned to the 24<sup>th</sup> General Hospital Unit from October '42 until it was disbanded when the European conflict ended. The 24<sup>th</sup> was like a "small Charity" since most of the doctors and nurses had a Charity connection. I do not know of another group that celebrated Mardi Gras like we did (at Fort Benning, in North Africa, and in Reggio, Italy). Our Carnival party included a Mardi Gras pageant featuring "King Snafu" being crowned by world leaders from Roosevelt to Mussolini (played by the doctors in elaborate costumes), plus dukes, maids, music, dancing, confetti and favors. ☸

Jan M. Carrio '76

Captain, Nurse Corps, United States Navy

Ohayo gozai masu ("Good Morning" in Japanese) to you all! I am currently stationed at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Okinawa, Japan, and serving as the Senior Nurse Executive and Director for Nursing Services.

I have had a tremendous 24 years serving in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps and traveling/living around the world. The professional and cultural experiences, and friendships I've established will be lifelong memories I will always treasure.

I will never forget the roots that Charity Hospital School of Nursing provided to me to begin a journey to fulfill my lifelong dream of becoming a nurse. Those roots gave me the foundation to continue to pursue my career and advance my clinical and educational training. For that I will always be grateful. ☸



# Through the Eyes of a Veteran

BY MARY A. BASCO MCKINNEY '34  
Resident VA Nursing Home, Bldg. 45

Eleanor was right - freedom is not free.

Millions of white crosses in our national cemeteries will attest to that. Arranged beautifully to honor those who didn't make it. Crutches, walkers, wheelchairs - aids to handicapped veterans are not attractive, but they sure are good to some of us. Veterans are not freaks; they are those of us who laid their lives on the line to safeguard the rights and freedoms we all proclaim. Fathers, brothers, neighbors, friends who dragged their wounded buddies through mud, slush, and blood out of range of enemy fire into fox holes hoping to come out alive.

Quietly remembering sounds: hoot owls in the tall pines, bullfrogs in the pond, roosters crowing at midnight, dogs howling at the moon, his old man snoring up a storm.

Is this another mirage? America's mountains, valleys, lakes, and rivers; rain watering out land. My home - will I ever get back? My foxhole doesn't answer.

When emerged from his foxhole with a mangled body, bloody ragged and in pain, his long hair tangled, his unshaven beard matted with phlegm. He crushed my hand in an excruciating vice. I signaled the assistant for medication. Immediately after the injection he crumples into oblivion leaving his torment behind. We changed his wet bed and clothes. Our second assistant took over surveillance as we moved on the next patient.

Thirty cots by flashlight in total blackout is no picnic, believe me. Twelve hour shift with two hour break when

we help patients write letters home. "Miss Mary is writing for me. When my hand heals I'll do my own."

With her left hand she gently closed the unseeing eyes, with her right hand she smoothed the lips that would speak no more, tossed the unsealed letter into the censor's box, looked at the empty sleeve beside him, took the towel her assistant handed her, wiped her eyes, blew her nose, looked up at the assistant and smiled, moving on to the next patient.

"Mama" pierced through the blackness. We approached him wet with sweat, shivering with cold. "I didn't want to kill him. He was young, so beautiful looked just like my son Eric, Whom I saw three year ago, well groomed disciplined and positive. He kept advancing forward with no question about his intention. It was him or me. I plunged my bayonet into his belly and yanked it wide open. He didn't make a sound, protecting the location of his platoon. Pulled out the bayonet and watched his guts pour out of his belly till he collapsed upon then. I ran like hell to get out of there, didn't see the wire until it tripped me. Where am I?" In an American hospital with friends where you belong. Get in these dry clothes while we change your bed, you can sleep tonight, talk tomorrow.

The next stop - the patient was asleep uncovered, we adjusted the cover, he snuggled, smacked his lips, didn't open his eyes. "Poor guy, he really needed that sleep. Bless him" the assistant smiled as we move along. Thirty cots, night after night, for a month then back to days until...

That's when we learned freedom is not free. One thousand bed general hospital European Theater of Operations 1943-1945. Boarded evac hospital ship bound for Pacific Theater of Operations refueled at Gibraltar breakfast menu cover in bold letters. "Proceed to New York, Japan has surrendered." ☸

## Attention All Cadet Nurses and Military Nurses: We Need Your Memories!

Our Homecoming 2005 plans include is a **special exhibit at the National D-Day Museum** honoring WWII nurses and Cadet Nurses, so we need your memories and mementos! Write up your memories, send us your photographs, letters you wrote, or uniforms. Any objects you saved from your Cadet Nurse or WWII nurse experiences would be invaluable contributions to our exhibit. You can lend us the items temporarily for the exhibit, or donate them to the permanent collection of the National D-Day Museum.

**History is alive**, and the history of World War II continues to be written today. In the coming decades, historians will be asking new and different questions about the Second World War, especially related to the contributions of those who did not directly participate in combat and yet whose sacrifices made the victory possible. Now, more than ever, it is of crucial importance to preserve the history of ALL who served in World War II, including nurses and Cadet Nurses. We want YOU to be a part of *Nurses Report for Duty: Honoring Military Nurses Past & Present*.

**Please send your memories and mementos to:** CHSN Alumni Association, 450 South Claiborne Ave., New Orleans, LA 70112. You can also email us at [csnalumni@dcc.edu](mailto:csnalumni@dcc.edu). YOUR memories are the ones we want to preserve. If you have any questions, please call the Alumni Association office at 504-568-6372. ☸



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## Alumni News

**Bill Borne '79** founded his Baton Rouge company Amedisys in 1982. It is now one of the largest providers of in-home nursing services in the country, dispatching nurses, therapists, and other healthcare professionals to patients at home, primarily older people on Medicare. Amedisys was ranked #4 on Forbes magazine's October 2004 list of 200 Best Small Companies, and Borne, the company's chief executive, was named Forbes 2004 Entrepreneur of the Year.

**Sylvia Jacoby Miller '43:** "I guess I used my nursing skills about 38 years. I covered quite a large range in the field of nursing. Private duty, nursery, Nursing Arts instructor, and Public Health nurse in Florida, in charge of the clinic (taking x-rays, assisting the doctor in TB treatments, immunizations for school children, premarital blood tests, supplying equipment for field nurses, etc.) Really enjoyed working there.

After several moves, my husband and I finally settled in Oklahoma. We built a lot of beautiful memories together in our 100 year old home in Oklahoma, and had four wonderful children. After my husband died, I returned to nursing as a Public Health nurse, but retired after the death of my eldest son in 1980. Following an MI, I moved to Texas to live with my daughter.

I have difficulty walking, but I read a lot (mystery books), play Scrabble when I can find a partner, do crossword puzzles, crocheting, and porcelain art - I've been painting for 15 to 20 years, now. Oh yes, and I have 3 beautiful grandchildren ages 17, 6 and 2!

I would love to hear from any or all of you; Blanche Clause Ballowe and I have been corresponding for some time now."

**Rose Mary Bertrand Breaux '47:** "With 20½ years at Charity Hospital, I retired in December 1983. I have two children, three step grandsons, and now, I am a great-grandmother. I have to use a wheelchair because I have Spinal Stenosis which has affected the nerves in my right leg. I presently live at Southerland Place Assisted Living in Mandeville, LA." ❀



*Above, the Class of '54 at their Fifty-Year Reunion at Antoinettes. Below, the Class of '63 catching up at the Southern Yacht Club in October 2004.*



## CSN Dean Named Administrator of the Year

Patricia Egers, Dean of Charity School of Nursing, was awarded the 2005 Nightingale Award as Nursing School Administrator of the Year by the Louisiana Nurses Foundation at its Fourth Annual Nightingale Awards program in January. The program is the "academy awards" for Louisiana Registered Nurses, honoring quality, service, commitment and excellence in nursing. ❀

## Thank You

to all of you who support the Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association with your generous contributions to the White Cap Fund, the Scholarship Fund, and the Alumni Fund.

Your valuable donations make it possible for us to do everything that we do.



**Today I remembered to join the Alumni Association  
...because there are some times that are really worth remembering.**

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# LOST ALUMNI

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these missing alumni?  
Please contact the  
Alumni office.*

## 1955

Lillian S. Barre Bartlow  
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# FAREWELLS

**Margaret A. Waltzer '39** died in March 2004 at the age of 87. She joined the Navy Nurse Corps in the 1940s and advanced quickly to lieutenant commander and ultimately to chief of the Nurse Corps in San Diego. After leaving the military, she obtained a master's degree in education, launching a second career as a librarian, teacher and author. She taught library science at Dominican High School for more than 20 years, and published articles and book reviews. Margaret was the president and newsletter editor of the Greater New Orleans Catholic Library Association. She received the Modisette Award in 1977, the Evelyn Gates Alumna Achievement Award in 1979, and the Sister Mary Aquin Lorio Award in 1985. She is survived by three daughters, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.


**Helen Kathryn Muller '38** was born in Texas in 1916 and passed away in July 2004. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, three children, and six grandchildren. Helen was a former Red Cross and Army Nurse, and served in the first MASH unit set up in New Guinea, and in Australia. She and her husband met and married in World War II and lived in Okinawa, Taiwan, Arizona, Washington DC, and Austin before settling in Dallas in 1989. Memorial donations may be made to the "Women in Military Service for America Memorial." Information is available at [www.arlingtoncemetery.net/womens.htm](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/womens.htm).

**Thelma DeFelice Lewis '41** passed away in December 2004 as a result of amiodorone toxicity. She had broken her hip on Mother's Day in 2004 after attending church. Thelma was a devoted alumni of CHSN and faithfully attended the brunches and luncheons with her daughter Stephanie. Stephanie writes: "I found the *Alumni News* in her desk with a note reminding her to make reservations for the March Alumni luncheon. I will miss this so much. It was such a fun experience for me, and I was so proud of my mother." Thelma is survived by 4 children and 11 grandchildren.

**Judith Keef Cockman '69** died at the age of 57 in January 2005. Born in Oklahoma, Judy followed her mother to Charity Hospital School of Nursing. After graduation, she worked in the Charity ICU before moving to Fort Lauderdale in 1970. During the 1980s she became a pioneer in the area of Medicare review and was one of the few acknowledged experts in South Florida. Diagnosed with hemachromatosis in 2000, she could no longer practice the profession she loved. Complications following chemotherapy and surgery claimed her life. She is survived by her husband and two brothers. Maria Compagno Roth '71 writes of Judith: "I will always

## IN MEMORIAM

Nola Cain Adams '35 (12/19/04)  
 Pinkie McCullough Anders '30 (1980s)  
 Mary Arrants '53 (4/12/05)  
 Helen Attay '44 (7/13/04)  
 Sister Atzel '35 (10/25/00)  
 Jennie Redwine Boyette '55  
 Ellie Carter Brazda '21 (3/26/99)  
 Mary Ola Brock '95 (1/26/05)  
 Dixie Jackson Brown '40 (6/10/04)  
 Judith Keef Cockman '69 (1/11/05)  
 Margaret Chutz '55  
 Mary Callegari Cleland '65 (3/28/05)  
 Thelma Cross '38 (9/29/04)  
 Consuleo Bein Curry '27  
 Irma Jo Plaisance D'Amato '56 (2003)  
 Addlie Guilory Ducote '42 (10/06/04)  
 Sandra Dufour Dupuy '64 (1992)  
 Sheila Fontenot '78 (4/2/04)  
 Viola Fauborg Frazer '49 (3/23/05)  
 Anna Thibodeaux Hereford '41 (2/9/05)  
 Charlotte Stutz Hingle '49 (3/3/04)  
 Virginia Irwin '55  
 Gloria Virginia Konikoff '44 (4/1/05)  
 Mildred Ropke Lanng '34 (7/21/04)  
 Helen Laughlin '75 (9/14/04)  
 Gertrude Bergeon Laws '48 (7/20/04)  
 Thelma DeFelice Lewis '41 (12/19/04)  
 Dorothy Walton Melburn '41  
 Helen Hoffman Muller '38 (7/7/04)  
 Rita Garrity Raymond '47 (3/29/04)  
 Janie Arnold Reis '92 (12/25/04)  
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 Ione Cenac Rucker '32 (1992)  
 Anita Carter Salzer '55  
 Eunice Falgout Seale '38 (1/28/05)  
 Mary Klotz Shackford '44 (8/14/04)  
 Sister Michael Sibelle '46 (1/19/04)  
 Ruby Jones Smith '36 (10/18/04)  
 Margaret Smith '48 (11/13/03)  
 Lillian Bihm Sommers '39 (3/5/05)  
 Myrtle Trosclair Ste Marie '37 (4/10/04)  
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 Ravenell Decoteau Vincent '46 (1949)  
 Margaret A. Waltzer '39 (3/25/04)  
 Leola Robert Zeringue '53 (11/8/04)

remember Judy as my very dear friend, the kind girl from Oklahoma with a clever wit and keen sense of humor. She will be sadly missed by all of us who loved her." 



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# HOMECOMING 2005



Saturday Morning, October 8

## BASIC TRAINING

Charity School of Nursing  
450 South Claiborne Avenue  
\$25.00 per person

### Mustering the Troops 9:30am to 10:30am

Enjoy a continental breakfast of coffee, juice and pastries as you register, greet old classmates, check out the alumni bulletin boards for news of absent friends, peruse the scrapbooks, enter our exciting array of raffles, and select from our fantastic souvenirs!

### Parade Formation 10:30am to 11:30am

A delightful program of welcomes, updates, familiar faces and a few surprises!

### Mess Hall 11:30am to 12:30pm

A scrumptious buffet lunch of succulent treats: Louisiana crawfish pasta, chicken salad in pastry cups, roasted veggie & feta cheese wraps, fresh fruit with honey yogurt, lemon squares, brownies and beverages.

### At Ease 12:30pm to 2pm

Stroll down memory lane and see how much has changed! Tours of the school and the old dormitory, meet "Kelly," our state-of-the-art training manikin, and so much more!

Saturday Evening, October 8

## ***NURSES***

## ***REPORT FOR DUTY: HONORING MILITARY NURSES PAST & PRESENT***

National D-Day Museum, 7pm to 10pm

945 Magazine Street at Andrew Higgins Drive, 504-527-6012

\$50.00 per person Free Parking Cash Bar

A buffet dinner to write home about: smoked pork loin, Caribbean Chicken, prosciutto-wrapped asparagus, Norwegian smoked salmon, Mediterranean antipasto platter, spinach & artichoke dip, cheeses, fresh fruit, French pastries, New Orleans coffee

**Live Music of the 40s Era**

**by the extraordinary Julia LaShae Trio**

Exhibits in Honor of the Nurses of WWII &

Cadet Nurse Corps, Tours of the Museum,

Period attire encouraged (prizes will be awarded!)

*Plus a Very Special Presentation of the  
WWII Ambulance by the Alumni Association  
to the National D-Day Museum*

and announcement of "Name that Ambulance" Winner

Sunday Morning, October 9

## **REVEILLE BRUNCH**

Wyndham New Orleans Hotel, Canal Place

Canal Street at the River, 100 Rue Iberville 504-553-5015

\$35.00 per person

On-Site Parking in Canal Place Parking Garage (Validated: \$5.00)

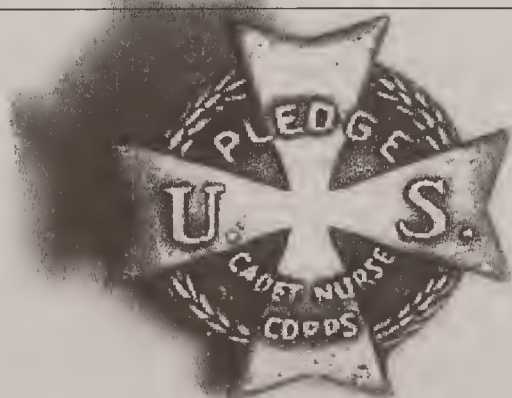
Cash Bar opens at 9am, Breakfast Served at 10am

Enjoy a stunning view of the Mississippi River and reminisce with friends while you are served an Eye-Opening Brunch:

Marinated Fresh Fruit Parfait with Mint Zabaglione, Scrambled Eggs with Wild Mushrooms & Herbs, Hickory Smoked Bacon, Grits, Miniature Ham & Cheese Croissants, Pastries, Juices, Coffee & Tea

**Plus, Roll Call of Classes, and Special Souvenirs for the Class with the Most in Attendance for Homecoming**

(Advance ticket sales only will qualify.)





# Yes, I'll be there for Homecoming 2005!

Advance Ticket Purchase Deadline: September 30, 2005.

## I WANT TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR:

(Please write how many of each)

- \_\_\_\_\_ "Basic Training" at Charity School of Nursing  
Saturday, Oct. 8, 9:30am to 2pm @ \$25 per person
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Nurses Report for Duty" at the National D-Day Museum  
Saturday, October 8, 7 to 10 pm @ \$50 per person
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Reveille Brunch" at the Wyndham New Orleans Hotel  
Sunday, October 9, 9am @ \$35 per person

**OR**

## HOMEcoming 2005 ALUMNI PATRON TICKETS

Patrons will have their names printed in the Homecoming 2005 program and posted on the Honor Roll at the National D-Day Museum, plus:

(Please write how many of each)

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Front Line @ \$250:** receives one ticket to each of the three Homecoming Events.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Flag Bearer @ \$500:** receives 2 tickets to each of the three Homecoming Events, plus a "Ration Book" for free drinks at the cash bar at the National D-Day Museum.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Big Brass @ \$1,000:** receives 2 tickets to each of the three Homecoming Events, plus 2 "Ration Books" for free drinks at the cash bar at the National D-Day Museum, plus a special souvenir gift.

**OR**

I'm unable to attend, but I want to make a donation and have my name in the program and the Honor Roll  
Amount?

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Foot Soldier:** up to \$99      \_\_\_\_\_ **Other Amount**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Comrade in Arms:** \$100 to \$249

My Suggestion for "Name That Ambulance": \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR NAME** (as you wish it to appear in the Program and on the Honor Roll; PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY!)  
*Reservations or donations must be received by September 23 for your name to be printed in the program.*

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

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Guest Name (for Nametag) \_\_\_\_\_

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Sally Cooper '59

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Ginger Andry '58  
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January 26, 2006

Dear Alumni,

It has been many months since you have heard from your Alumni Association. I apologize for the delay in communicating with you but, as I'm sure you know, Hurricane Katrina caused many far-reaching problems. There was some flood damage to the Charity School of Nursing Education Building, so we were unable to get access to our computer database with all our alumni addresses until just a few weeks ago. We just got phone service and internet this week, and mail service is very slow. Like so many in our community, members of our Board of Directors lost homes and jobs, and had to relocate to other areas.

In the last days of August we had been getting ready for Homecoming in October 2005. After Katrina, we had no choice but to cancel the activities. In the devastated city the logistics were impossible and our venues were closed, but more important, so many of our alumni who live in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast Region were dealing with terrible losses and many would not have had the ability, or heart, to participate.

Now, almost five months after Katrina, I am writing to say that Charity School of Nursing and the Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association are still here and looking forward to the future. The School of Nursing regrouped amazingly after the storm and the fall semester classes resumed in borrowed space in Baton Rouge. The Fall 2005 senior class received their pins at a January 24 ceremony. This spring, classes have already started back in the Education Building.

The Alumni Association held their first board meeting since August on January 9. Because it was impossible to send out the "Alumni News" with the ballot as we normally do in the fall, the Board passed a resolution to retain the 2005 slate of officers and board members for the coming year. We will hold elections as usual in the fall of 2006.

Our first priority is to rebuild communications with our alumni. With so many people displaced by Katrina, we want to update all the addresses in our database. Next, we hope to be able to publish The White Cap in the next couple of months, and then we will be able to provide you with more details about the School of Nursing, our alumni, and the future of Charity Hospital.

Finally, we want to get our alumni activities back on track. We want to ask for your input about plans for 2006. Of particular concern to us is what to do about Homecoming. The Board is now considering rescheduling the Homecoming for early October 2006, and we want to know what you think.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the form included with this letter. Even if your address has not changed, please let us know what you would like to see happen this year. Please feel free to jot down additional comments, or write to us at length with your thoughts, concerns or ideas.

So many of us were affected by Katrina and also by Rita. We have included a few questions on the form to find out what is going on with our alumni, but I know each of you has a story to tell. We will report on the results of the questionnaire in The White Cap, and we will include as many of your hurricane experiences as we can. If you have any other information you would like to include in The White Cap, please send that to us as well.

As I said, mail service is very slow, so please don't wait to respond. Fill out the form and send to us as soon as possible.

Thank you so much for your continuing support of Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association.

Sincerely,

*Suzy H. Andry*

Suzy H. Andry

President, CHSNAA



## Note to Our Alumni:

Now more than ever we need your help in locating your friends and classmates from Charity. If you know the whereabouts of any alumni who relocated and might not have received this mailing, PLEASE send their address to us, or make a photocopy of this form and give it to them. In these extraordinary circumstances keeping in touch will be a continuing challenge. We don't want to lose track of a single alumni. Thanks!

### *Homecoming Ticket Refunds*

*We are working on plans to reschedule our Homecoming and we hope you will stick with us until those plans are finalized. However, we do understand that many of our alumni are now in different and more difficult circumstances. If you purchased Homecoming tickets and would like a refund at this time, please let us know.*



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# THE WHITE CAP

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## From the President

BY SUZY H. ANDRY '59

I'm sitting down this morning with a cup of coffee, listening to the heavy rain on my roof. Later, I'll have to check the walls upstairs for water because my roof is still damaged. Like many others, we continue to wait our turn for a roofer.

I didn't cry until the end of September when we were finally allowed back into our parish to clean out our house. I was standing in line at a Red Cross truck, being served lunch by these large, kind men from Minnesota and I lost it.

Never in my life did I think I would be in a Red Cross lunch-line manned by my fellow Americans from all over this country. I've always stayed in my small corner of the world working to make things better. I've always helped my neighbors (because you never lay down your nurse persona), but these people flooding into my broken community put me in a different place. I had never managed to even think of sharing my time, talents and compassion as these people chose to do. To go out and help strangers in the heat and dust and wrecks of their homes and community - Wow!

I learned something from these volunteers, and I learned something from each community I stopped in on my trek to return to New Orleans. I learned about a new way to cream your coffee, a new way to make your bed, and I learned of this thread of need that binds all of us together in this country.

### Going Forward

It took weeks after the storm for me to find Doris and make decisions about canceling the Homecoming events. At our first two Board meetings, I was still numb. The Board carried me through. We sent out a letter in hopes of tracking down our alumni after so many were displaced. As the responses came back to us, these blue sheets of paper stacked in the alumni office reminded us of the blue tarps we see on damaged roof-tops all over the region. Like those "blue roofs," each blue page represented a life touched by the tragedy of our city -

some only a little roughed up, some irrevocably changed, some responding with hope and energy, some feeling terribly overwhelmed.

I have treasured these "blue letters," and the emotions and experiences you have chosen to share with us through them. Over six hundred alumni responded. I wish it was possible to print all of the stories and comments we received.

We asked you for input on resuming alumni activities after this terrible tragedy. Though some of our alumni did express reservations, our membership overwhelmingly encouraged us to go forward with alumni events, including our Homecoming. From all over the country, our alumni encouraged us to continue as a school, as an alumni organization, and as fellow Americans. Yes, 450 South Claiborne is still a strong home base for us, no matter our age or location.

Thanks to the efforts of our board of directors, we are continuing with our alumni work, we are on schedule with the June breakfast, and in October we will celebrate our belated Homecoming.

All of you, come! Come see your friends, and this poor city. Come break bread with the survivors of this whole region. I believe each of you was hurt spiritually, no matter where you lived. We all lost some piece of our life as it was. Now it's time to make new memories using our new larger view of our nation. ☞



Mark  
Your Calendar!

Alumni Breakfast  
June 24

See reservation form on page 15.

Homecoming 2006  
October 14 & 15



# Letter from the Executive Director

By Doris Burvant '60

How little did we know what was ahead of us here in the metropolitan area?

Because of Katrina we have lost hundreds of addresses of alumni members. I need your help. I am sure that each of you knows of at least one member who has had to relocate to another city or another address. With all that has been happening to each of them and all the disruption in their lives, I know that the Alumni Association is not first on their minds. So I need your help to find our friends. If you have addresses, telephone numbers or e-mail addresses of any alumni members please send them to me. Any information would be greatly appreciated. In these times, as never before, we need to stay in touch.

## Replacement Pins

A number of our alumni members have lost their nursing pins due to the flood. If you need to replace your nursing pin, please let me know. I have spoken to the manufacturer's representative, and he is willing to work with us regarding the cost. It will depend on how many are ordered. If you want to place an order, please let me know by e-mail or letter as soon as you can.

## Alumni Breakfast

The Alumni members have requested in overwhelming numbers that they want the social functions of the organization to be resumed as soon as possible. In that spirit, we are planning our traditional Alumni Breakfast on Saturday, June 24, at the Metairie Hotel (formerly the Wyndham in Metairie). The reservation form for the Breakfast is on page 15. Please fill in the reservation form and mail it to the Alumni office as soon as you can so we can plan accurately for the number who will attend.

## Homecoming Rescheduled

The Homecoming has been rescheduled for October 14 and 15, 2006. We are trying to keep the activities the same as originally planned, including the event at the National D-Day Museum and the gift of the WWII ambulance. We will be sending out a new Homecoming invitation this summer, so those of you who have not purchased tickets will be able to do so at that time.

It has not been without difficulty that the Board members have continued to meet and move forward with our mailings and our activities. Most of the Board members have lost or received damage to their homes. Attending these events is one way to show your appreciation for their efforts and to support the Alumni Association. It is also a wonderful opportunity to touch bases with your friends and classmates and find out how everyone is facing our new challenges.

## Nominations

The Board members and officers have generously given of their time for a year beyond their terms as we regrouped as an organization. This fall we will be holding elections for a new slate of Board members and officers.

We need your help; we need your energy; we need your ideas. If you think you might be interested in running for a Board position or office, please let me know, or check the box on the Alumni Breakfast reservation form, and the Nominating Committee will contact you with more information and to answer any questions you might have. There are many so ways you can help. Talk to us about what might interest you.

## Remembering Our Losses

On a more somber note, on page 5 of this issue of The White Cap, you will find a list of the deceased alumni that we know of this year. If you know of someone who died and is not listed, please let me know. It is very important for us to recognize the loss of our members.

Like our beloved city and region, we are rebuilding. Each of you is an important part of our success. I am looking forward to seeing you on June 24. ☺

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# Charity School of Nursing Campus Provost Report

BY PATRICIA EGRS, DEAN OF NURSING, CHARITY CAMPUS PROVOST

Charity is up and running with 723 students at this time! I am so proud to work with the professional staff and faculty at the nursing school. Each put their personal life on hold to bring the school back to life.

The last course in the curriculum began classes on October 10, 2005, at West Jefferson General Hospital. The students and faculty shared space with patients, staff and the military. I must admit that first week was surreal. East Jefferson General Hospital also provided classroom space during the early weeks. The Delgado West Bank Campus then hosted us until November when we returned to South Claiborne Avenue, a bit bedraggled but proud and happy to be "home." Katrina helped us to remember how important home and people are.

In late January 2006, one hundred and sixty students completed the nursing curriculum: 128 in New Orleans, and 42 who went to other colleges all over the U.S. then transferred back to Charity-Delgado. We had an emotional, inspiring pinning ceremony.

The city and region's citizens are still suffering. Many areas look the same as when the water or winds subsided. So many people have not yet returned - home is gone.

Those of you in other areas of the country, please do not forget we still have so many needs. Katrina's effects will be with us for years.

Some CHSN graduates have inquired about replacement diplomas. Unfortunately, the school is not able to meet the diploma request. Graduates of Charity-Delgado should go to [www.dcc.edu](http://www.dcc.edu) and click on news of 1/19/06 for information on duplicate diplomas.

Life does, somehow, go on. The students have clinical at every hospital available. We lost seven large hospitals in the area, including Charity, because of long-standing flood waters. We now have more clinical groups in St. Tammany, and we've moved into St. Charles Parish.

We are reopening our evening program that was very successful before Katrina. Faculty will be needed for the Fall semester for both the ADN and the PN programs. If you know of anyone with a master's in nursing who wants a full or part-time challenging job, please encourage them (or you) to contact me at 504-568-6466.

I hope that you will attend Homecoming in October. Charity remains an amazing place. ☞

## Charity Hospital Update

The Charity Hospital Level 1 Trauma Center reopened in April 2006 at a temporary location in Elmwood Medical Center. This center will serve to treat the most serious trauma injuries, such as shootings, stabbings, multiple fractures and severe internal bleeding.

The Elmwood facility is owned by Ochsner which is leasing unused space to Charity. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is paying for renovations to accommodate two surgery suites, a recovery room, a radiology suite and some in-patient beds. Mobile trailers will house a CT scanner, MRI machine and neuroangiogram unit on site as well.

Prior to Katrina, Charity was the only hospital in the area with a Level 1 trauma center, a designation by the American College of Surgeons to hospitals with surgical teams and specialists on site 24 hours a day. The temporary location does not have that designation, but will have all the same trauma services that Charity Hospital offered, and will serve patients brought in by ambulance from Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines and St. Bernard parishes.

Charity is also operating a temporary clinic, for patients with less serious injuries and non-trauma related problems, at the former Lord & Taylor department store in the New Orleans Centre on Poydras Street. This replaced the clinic operated by Charity staff at the Ernest N. Morial

Convention Center since November 2005. Renovations are also under way at the flood-damaged University Hospital to open 200 beds there this year.

The long-term plans for the Charity Hospital building are still very much up in the air. LSU, which operates Charity Hospital, has taken the position that the Charity building is not restorable for use as a hospital in light of its advanced age and poor condition prior to the storm in combination with the damage sustained due to standing flood waters. Though FEMA could fund repairs on the building, it would not provide money for upgrading the facility (such as removing asbestos or meeting modern building codes), so LSU considers a new facility more feasible.

LSU has proposed joining with the Department of Veterans Affairs to build a new, joint medical complex in the downtown area that would include teaching, research and high-end health care services. LSU also advocates creating a network of neighborhood clinics to replace Charity's downtown out-patient clinics.

Many doctors and nurses are protesting LSU's decision to close Charity Hospital permanently because they are concerned that the city's poor will be left without adequate medical services for several years while a new medical complex is being planned and constructed. They question LSU's premise that the Charity building is unsalvageable and are suggesting that an independent evaluation be made of the structure. ☞



# Meet Me at Joe's

BY RITA ANN THORNBERRY  
SHARPE '53

My husband and I are volunteers at Mayo/St. Luke's Jacksonville and he works in PACU. One of my husband's colleagues was a CHSN grad and when she found out that I was also a grad, she had asked him if I remembered Joe's Bar. Since I was a dedicated, industrious student with very little money, I had never been there nor had I heard of it.

In 2003, my husband and I came to New Orleans to attend my 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion. After checking into our hotel on a Friday afternoon, we started looking for a place to have Happy Hour. Oddly, the bar at the Radison did not open until 4:30pm and when we presented ourselves in the hotel bar at the designated time they had no bartender and said to return at 5pm. We decided instead to saunter down Canal Street in search of another watering hole. We explained to the porter from another hotel our dilemma and chagrin at not being able to find a beer on a Friday afternoon in the Crescent City, and he directed us to a bar right behind our hotel. We found it and settled ourselves on barstools to enjoy a couple of tall ones. As we savored our libations, we both realized with amusement that we were in "Joe's Bar."

Recently we met a couple at a Military Officers Association dinner. Amazingly, the two had originally met in New Orleans at - where else? - Joe's Bar. He had been in med school and she was working in Pediatrics at Charity Hospital. Just for fun we gave them copies of the pictures we had taken in 2003 and they were delighted because they had no mementoes of the place they had met. At the time the couple had become good friends of Joe and his family, and Joe had even promised them "their booth" if the bar ever closed.

I hope Joe is still in business. If he is, we will be sure to stop there again when we are in town for the next alumni event. ☞



Rita Ann Thornberry Sharpe '53  
visiting Joe's Bar.

## Alumni News

**William "Bill" David York '72:** I have been married for 25 years and have one daughter. I did the anesthesia gig and didn't like it so I followed Marylou Medlin's advice and got a BSN at Northwestern, an MSN at University of Florida and I'm working on my PhD. A retired nurse executive from the VA system, my last assignment was Associate Medical Center Director at VA Lexington/University of Kentucky. I'd like to hear from anyone in the '68-'72 classes.

**Claudia Bourg Mouton '67:** I'm retired but continue to work two eight-hour shifts a week. I work 11 to 7 every Friday and Saturday night on acute psychiatry and geriatrics psychiatry.

**Joyce Molaison Foret '68:** I'm doing fine - retired and taking care of an 18 month old grandchild with one due in April 2006.

**Helen June Williamson '55:** I've been retired ten years. We celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in February.

**Gregory Jacob '83:** I retired from the Navy in May 2005 and relocated to Pipestone, Minnesota, where we decided we could better stretch the dollar. My children will both be in college next year, so we will soon have empty-nest syndrome. I work in a small community hospital where you do a little bit of everything and your skills are widely utilized. Our average in-patient census is nine, but you also have the responsibility of the ER and out-patients as well (for antibiotic therapy, chemo, etc.). It is a busy place and they have me in charge of Emergency Preparedness because of my military background. The pay is much better than I expected, but the medical costs are outrageous when it comes to premiums. Benefits continue to erode, so I don't know how people are going to manage in the future. ☞



# Remembering Marcelle Jacobs Wright

BY JOSEPH WRIGHT III

The year after World War I ended, Marcelle Jacobs was born on June 2 to a family that eventually included ten siblings. She grew up in a traditional New Orleans shotgun home at 2223 Marais Street and graduated from John McDonogh High School when it was still an all-girls school.

She decided to pursue a nursing career and graduated with the class of 1941 from Charity Hospital School of Nursing just as the Second World War saw the full commitment of the United States military. She joined the Navy Nurse Corps as Ensign Marcelle Jacobs and was sent to the South Pacific Theater. There she used her Charity training to treat and tend casualties of some of the worst battles of that war, including Guadalcanal. Even though she was in a designated medical sector, that did not preclude her being in the thick of the conflict herself. She related a story of how the Japanese bombed the area and hit the medical outfit's oxygen tent causing an explosion that rattled and shook the entire facility.

While in the Solomon Islands, Marcelle met an Army Air Corps B-25 pilot named Lt. Joseph Wright of St. Mary's, West Virginia, whom she eventually married in 1945 after they both returned to the United States. She resigned her commission as a Lieutenant Commander Select and, being a true New Orleanian, returned to live in her hometown. Marcelle worked for a short time at a public health facility on the lakefront. In the post-war years, she and Joseph lived in Gentilly where they raised their only child, Joseph Wright, Jr. In the 1970s, they moved to New Orleans East.

In 1965, Marcelle returned to her profession by working with the VA Hospital until her retirement in 1981 as Head Nurse. Once again, she was caring for the veterans of her generation and a new one as well. During her career she had the opportunity to work with some of the leaders in the medical field such as Dr. Alton Ochsner, Sr., Dr. Karl Vogelbach, and Dr. Ernest Debakey.

More than a decade before her retirement, she developed a love for world travel. Among her favorite destinations were China, Southeast Asia, the Soviet Union, Europe, and especially the Holy Land. She would always bring back a special gift for her only grandchild, Joseph Wright III.

Marcelle's greatest use of her training and experience was in the care of her family. She was on one occasion able to literally help save the life of her husband as he was recovering from surgery in the hospital. In more recent



years, she rarely left the house as she cared for Joseph, her husband and best friend of nearly six decades, until he passed away during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Marcelle died approximately one month later on October 3, 2005.

Marcelle maintained a life-long affection for Charity Hospital School of Nursing and its principles. She took great pride in the training she received at

Charity and the excellent reputation of the school in the medical community.

Hoping to contribute to the legacy of Charity Hospital School of Nursing, a scholarship in her memory has been established by her family. ❧

## ❧ In Memorium ❧

Lorraine Sublett Bernard '46 (1/20/06)  
 Audrey Syracuse Bledsoe '94 (4/22/05)  
 Grace Larson Burkins '47 (10/1/03)  
 Evelina Amato Conrad '46 (2003)  
 Marge Arrunts Crampton '53 (2/12/05)  
 Thelma M. Suire Creasman '42  
 Ruth Ann Lacroix Dileo '43 (9/24/05)  
 Penny Miles Domalis '95 (5/17/05)  
 Norma Thibodaux Dunbar '37 (7/30/05)  
 Rosalou Freeland Etue '41 (1/30/05)  
 Alice Rita Famulario '42 (10/17/05)  
 Sarah Pye Fornea '44 (10/16/05)  
 Helen Tolle Jones '44 (12/04/04)  
 Jerri Nichols Krutak '55 (9/14/05)  
 Denise Dejean MacDowell '46 (2/6/06)  
 Anna Hanks Marceaux '50 (2/13/06)  
 Peggy Nourcier Olmsted '52 (12/1/05)  
 Debbie Elfeet Olszewski '49 (2001)  
 Rosalind Torregano Parson-Breaux '91 (4/12/06)  
 Grace Roberie Pitts '35 (4/21/05)  
 Doris Gibson Quaglino '44 (1/4/06)  
 Sue Haynes Reynolds '59 (1/1/06)  
 Eve Kleibert Roberson '46 (8/7/05)  
 Gloria Gonzalez Russo '04 (3/27/06)  
 Gail Boudreau Solanus '47 (4/16/06)  
 Dorothy Daniels Ventre '48 (3/1/06)  
 Areun Plummer Wall '47 (9/5/05)  
 Sandra Wegner '83 (1990s)  
 Marcelle Jacobs Wright '41 (10/3/05)

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# Blue Letters

*These are some of the responses we received to the question, "How are you?" in the letter we sent to the alumni earlier this spring.*

**Aimee DeBarbieris '02:** I lived in St. Bernard Parish so I lost everything, as did all of my family, extended family and friends. We had 14 feet of water in our two-story house. I lost my job in the ER at Charity Hospital where September 2005 would have marked my second year there as a registered nurse. The world I knew for 26 years has totally been turned upside down, and it is hard not knowing about or talking to those who you worked with everyday. It is definitely a change I cannot seem to accept and I want to take it all back.

Most people you tell your story to can't begin to understand the magnitude of the amount of lives affected all over the coast and the emotional, financial and physical strain of not just surviving but starting over with nothing. I am fortunate enough to have a California nursing license and traveled back out west a week or so after I got out because there is nothing I can do back in South Carolina where my parents and I eventually met up. I worked in Savannah for five months and now I work in Southern California for an unknown amount of time. It is okay, but it is not home. Like everyone else who lost their job and their house, I just don't know what tomorrow will bring, much less what the future will bring.

**Julia Schomaker '52:** My home was flooded. We lived in Rayne, LA, for five months. My husband and I are now back in Metairie at our home that is being renovated. We live in a FEMA trailer on site. I had reservations about coming back but my husband just couldn't let our place go. We just had our 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. I hope Big Charity can be saved - if not as a hospital maybe some type of retirement living center.

**Elaine Navaille '78:** I have relocated to Longview, Texas, and I am working at Good Shepherd Medical Center. My husband and I evacuated on Sunday because I was not on call. We took three changes of clothes and our two dogs with us to Little Rock, Arkansas, first. God blessed us by leading us here. We lost our home in St. Bernard Parish. We had 10 feet of water in our house. My friends and family are scattered across several states.

**Junel Kaler Crawford '57:** My family and I are fine. We have lived in Walker, LA, for 5½ years. I retired in 1995 from nursing. The hurricane hurt many in our extended family and many of our New Orleans friends had homes destroyed. Seeing Charity Hospital devastated was a

heart-wrenching thing, and knowing that people were dying in front of your eyes as we watched on TV was awful. We did what we could in our area, housing evacuees, cooking for the shelters, donating food supplies and clothing.

My sister Joan and her husband came to stay with us on August 27, 2005. After three weeks she returned to her Metairie house which was spared by the storm, but six weeks later she was diagnosed with CML transforming to ALL and was admitted to Kenner Regional Hospital. One of her nurses there had been at Baptist Hospital during the storm and had to be evacuated by helicopter. Despite her hardships she was still doing a good job as a nurse. After a few days Joan was transferred to East Jefferson Hospital and we spoke with some of her nurses who were affected by the storm. They were all doing what they could to remain positive and help their patients. I was proud of my profession. The medical community came through for my family. I do pray that all of the people in the medical profession who have been adversely affected will continue to have the strength to carry on.

**Alisa J. Willoughby '04:** I have permanently relocated to Baton Rouge and am doing well, enjoying my new job.

**Julie Foley '86:** Our home in Lakeview was destroyed. We have not made any final decision about rebuilding in that neighborhood. During the evacuation I worked in a temporary position until we were able to return to this area. We are now living in River Ridge.

**Michelle Kramer-Ripoll '04:** I was at East Jefferson Hospital for ten days straight during the storm. We were safe enough with National Guard to protect us. My home was not flooded, just minor roof damage. My life is back to normal.

**Kathy Sullivan Zitzmann '69:** The first few months after Katrina were hard ones. Not only did we have to evacuate from New Orleans for Katrina, but we had to evacuate from Houston for Rita as well. Texas does not know what contra-flow is! It took us 26 hours to get to San Antonio (a three hour drive). I ended up in the emergency room with some kind of attack, and had another attack in November. My doctor feels they are panic attacks as a result of Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome. I don't know if it's true but medication has helped me cope better. I still do a lot of crying. I lost my mother last April and now that all of my friends from work and church are spread all over the country, I feel very sad. The loss of material things does not bother me as much as the loss of friends.

**Joan MacPherson Guccione '57:** I learned what it means to miss New Orleans.



**Karon L. Jones '01:** Due to Katrina I lost at least 80% of my things. I had an apartment behind Eden Isles on the canal. The first floor (where my apartment was) was washed out. I was employed at Methodist Hospital (in New Orleans East) so I lost my job. I'm now working at Fairway Medical in Covington. It's a very nice facility and I enjoy the work but I took a cut in pay which has been hard to adjust to. I am very grateful for good friends who have been there for me. I'm living in a friend's fifth-wheel camper in Franklinton until I get another place. Until then, life goes on, and I wish everyone affected by the storm the best. My prayers are with them all that they have friends and family to help and support them at this time.

**Catherine B. Holland '68:** I did not lose any property except shingles from Katrina or Rita, but members of my family lost homes, jobs and support systems. What most concerns me is the loss of Charity Hospital which affects this whole region. I am proud of our doctors and nurses at Charity who stayed and helped the patients.

**Helen June Williamson '55:** We were not directly touched by the Katrina disaster, but all of us have been really affected. We should certainly feel a responsibility to rid the country of the politicians who are so useless - in fact, damaging to the country. New Orleans deserves so much better than it is getting. What a crime!

**Delena Stortz '03:** My family and I are fine and have permanently relocated to North Carolina. We are survivors. My children are adjusting well in school. I am working as a nurse manager in a long term care facility in Charlotte and I haven't really missed a beat. Life goes on!

**Angelique Hagmann '94:** I worked at Charity/University for ten years when this occurred. I had been promoted just three months prior to the storm, and now I have to rebuild my career in another facility where there is not much room for advancement. I loved my job in the Pediatric Emergency Room and I miss my colleagues.

**Charlene LaCoste-Wilson '95:** My family lost eight family homes to the disaster; we are still awaiting information and permission to return and rebuild. I am very disappointed in the government and how they took care of U.S. citizens.



The Garvey Quads, December 2005

**Jennifer Y. Garvey '04:** At the time of the storm I was 21 weeks pregnant with quadruplets. After evacuating to Destin, I flew to Boston for the duration of the pregnancy. I delivered four healthy babies at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston on November 21, 2005. We returned to the New Orleans area in February. We lost our home in Lakeview, but are managing well in Covington with our new family. Meg, Mary Cate, Patrick and Jack Garvey are beautiful, healthy 3-month-olds weighing between 10 and 11 pounds. (*See photo above.*) I plan to return to full-time work at Children's Hospital in early March.

**Maxie S. Hale '48:** We are still trying to employ a roofer to repair the damage from the storm. They are so busy. We were very blessed here in Baton Rouge, even though we did have a yard full of tree debris and some minor roof damage. I say very blessed when I see on TV and hear about how so many have lost and suffered so much. God bless you all!

**Irma Soner Day '60:** We were washed out like so many people. I feel blessed for the safety of our children and my husband and me - we are all alive.

**Bonnie Guidry McNeese '68:** I worked in the Special Needs Shelter in Lafayette, Louisiana, for a week and a half after the storm until other nurses were able to come from other states. Good CHSN training came back even 37 years later!

**Charles Wise '03:** I relocated permanently to Shreveport because of Katrina. I am glad the Alumni Association is up and running again. I miss New Orleans and driving by Charity, but I'm proud to be "up north" to show off my Charity education among all of these Northwestern graduates.

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# Blue Letters

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**Beverly Cazayoux ‘61:** Once again Houma (where I live) dodged a bullet, but like New Orleans, we feel it is only a matter of time, and our barrier islands continue to erode. Please support legislation to restore our coastline and save the wetlands!

**Sharon Talbot Henning ‘83:** My family, husband and three children are doing well and love living in Sugarland, Texas. We hosted many of our New Orleans family members for several weeks, and we lost our second home in Pass Christian, Mississippi. Not a day goes by that I don't think about the devastating effects that Katrina has had on beautiful New Orleans and about the people affected by the storm. I am sickened every time I go to visit and see the city so tremendously affected.

**Barbara R. Leflore ‘74:** I'm okay. Taking one day at a time.

**Shirley Meaut Mahleisen ‘45:** I relocated to Carriere, Mississippi, because my home had five feet of dirty water which destroyed my furniture and floors and other contents. I am now 81 years young and I thank God and my family for helping. God Bless any of you in need.

**Susan Roswell ‘98:** I worked at University Hospital and lost my job due to the storm. I am currently doing travel nursing and hoping the hospital will reopen soon.

**Paige Sensenbrenner ‘78:** Everything in my house above seven feet was fine. All of my family got out safe and healthy. We're renovating and coming back. So, we're much more fortunate than many.

**Kaye S. Kingsbery ‘81:** When Katrina hit I was in Touro a few days post-op from bilateral knee replacement. I was on the roof for nine hours waiting to be helicoptered off when my husband and son rescued me on the Wednesday night after the storm. It was quite an experience, but the hospital staff was great. I am walking well and I swim and bike weekly which is good after being in a wheelchair for five years

**Corrine Breaud ‘77:** I worked at an Special Needs Shelter at Nicholls State University during Hurricane Katrina. We got an overwhelming amount of evacuees from the New Orleans area who had a lot of special need issues. It was a very emotional experience for me. Lots of stress and anxiety. Lots of sadness. I am still having emotional problems from it.

**Tina M. Bergez ‘90:** Repairs to my house in Slidell are still in progress. My parents lost all and are living with me. I was a Pediatric office nurse for almost eight years. I'm heartsick over the loss of my delightful work environment, co-workers and patients. Seeing a few of my patients here in Slidell, but most were from St. Bernard and their whereabouts are unknown. The loss is keen and almost unbearable. I need your prayers.

**Brigitte Groetsch Vicknair ‘95:** I've been in a trailer for almost five months. I worked at University Hospital and was laid off. Now I'm at Ochsner. My home is gutted four feet down. We got between 1½ to 2 feet of water in my home in Kenner and can only work on it on weekends. At times I get upset, but I thank God I'm alive and am better off than others. My sister lived in Gentilly, a half block from the London Avenue Canal break. She lost everything. So I am doing well compared to others.

**Deborah Stewart ‘75:** I'm not sure what I want to do at this point in my life. All I've worked toward and planned for changed in a matter of hours and chaos still reigns. Laid off by my job and my house in shambles. I am trying to regroup. A friend told me years ago that change is the only constant in life. Well, I'm going to pay attention to this message and look deep inside, listen to my head and heart, and feel the path to a new beginning.

**Jeanne Dumestre ‘82:** I'm still somewhat overwhelmed trying to get our home together as well as assisting family members.... but generally I feel really lucky to have what I have.

**Susan Moity Lavin ‘98:** I was born and raised in New Orleans, even went through Hurricane Betsy. After the loss I sustained from Katrina - half of my immediate family have relocated, and I lost my retirement income with the loss of my house in New Orleans - I want to sell and move out of state. I do not want to go through this stress again. I work hard and now I am working even harder to restore some kind of normalcy in my life. Nursing is a tough career to handle with personal stress added. I still love the profession, but since the storm, the job is more strenuous and stressful.

**Elizabeth Fradella Steddum ‘75:** My attitude has changed from "I can accomplish what is necessary" to "I must do it all myself." My employer and my government are not there to assist me.

**Linda Aucoin Hutchinson ‘65:** Damage and flooding in Terrebonne Parish was worse with Hurricane Rita. We worked long and hard with the increase in patients and evacuees into our area.



**Cynthia Steinkamp Michel '72:** This was the third time our home flooded and since it was a slab we chose to relocate instead of repairing and continuing to worry every time it rains. I had just retired in September 2004 and lost my dad in July 2005, so this is the third major life change in less than a year. But we are getting along well on five acres in Franklinton, Louisiana, in a new manufactured home and all new furniture. It's been an experience I don't want to repeat

**Linda Crawford '79:** We have pretty well regrouped at this point. We are moving forward with a different focus, but none the less moving forward.

**Michele Upton Robert '96:** I am a single mom adjusting to the changes for myself and my children. I must still repair my home in Metairie, but it is for sale. I lost my job as a Hospice nurse, but am now working in Home Health. I lived in New Orleans all my life, but I relocated permanently to North Carolina. The area we live in now is beautiful, and no more running from hurricanes.

**Sharlene Jaeger Macera '78:** I own and operate A-Med Ambulance Service. We were involved in evacuation of nursing facilities before Katrina hit and for weeks after Katrina. A-Med was responsible for bringing hundreds of patients out of harm's way. We successfully evacuated all of our contract facilities that decided to evacuate before the storm.

**Carol Giannetta Hopper '48:** I'm doing okay, trying to get life sort of normal. I will return to Nicaragua in March as a Medical Missionary (trip number 13) because at 79 I can't put anything off, storm or no storm! Life must go on and we must help others.

**Laurel Bland Henry '86:** I worry about my classmates in the New Orleans area that I don't really keep in touch with but have kept in my prayers. We were lucky in Houma and have much to be grateful for, including all the LSU residents displaced to us at Chabert Medical Center.

**Christina Higdon '74:** I live in Mobile, Alabama, and my hospital received many patients from New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, and many of them moved here. I've enjoyed caring for people with my accent!

**Gertrude "Trudy" Ardoin '68:** I was fortunate enough to be blessed by Katrina. I was displaced from my house, and lost my job, but I was able to spend two months with my son's newborn twins in North Carolina.

**Wenonah S. Casmus '59:** Our hearts ache for New Orleans and the Gulf Coast.

**Edna Carr '50:** I remained in my home in Marrero during the hurricane and the aftermath. I got through it okay with minimal damage to the outside of the house. Big clean-up job, but getting it done. I'm getting along quite well.

**Joyce D. Kelly '49:** I evacuated to Baton Rouge and stayed in a Ramada Inn for 16 days. My house had 1 foot of water, but I'm now living in a trailer while trying to reconstruct my home.

**Donna Earles '78:** Awaiting news that the Level 1 Trauma Center and some type of hospital will open in Charity's place. We need healthcare to rebuild New Orleans properly and safely. Thanks, Alumni Association, for keeping us all together!

**Patrick Geraro Oncale '93:** I lost my home and entire contents. I had to place my mother in a nursing facility a two-hour drive away (this pains me). I'm struggling to rebuild my life and trying to remain positive each and every day.

**Sheryl Bacle Delery '71:** I have been out of the clinical area for 20-plus years (I am the Admit Case Manager and Transfer Nurse at Ochsner New Orleans). We opened up Ochsner Clinic-Covington to help relieve the two hospitals in Covington, and I started triaging patients the Thursday after Katrina. My training at CHSN stood me in good stead. I am proud to be a CHSN graduate.

**Peggy Nicaud Prosser '73:** Baton Rouge was also affected - in our home alone we housed 32 for a week, 20 for the next two weeks, 5 for the next two weeks, and three "Save the Children" volunteers for three months. Our parish housed the Archbishop and New Orleans diocese and 150 Red Cross volunteers who worked tirelessly to help - we fed them and washed their clothes each day. The entire city gave until they said we can't hold any more. We are all so blessed with our lives, our health, and the opportunity to give, and in doing so we have received so much!

**Marilyn Jacob Klein '58:** My husband and I lost our beautiful home of 39 years in Lakewood South (part of Lakeview). It had 6-8 feet of water for almost 3 weeks. All was lost. We have bought a home in El Paso, Texas, and will move there within the year. My husband's medical practice in Metairie was fine, so he will travel back and forth - keeping Southwest Airlines in business!

**Rae Ann Boasso Deroche '84:** I don't want to write down my experiences. I've had enough. I want to move on.



# Blue Letters

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**Shirley Marie Carmouche '81:** Lost my job at Chalmette Medical Center and have permanently relocated to Baton Rouge. Miss my friends and relationships that were established during the past 30 years. I lost everything, but did manage to find my CHSN nursing pin!

**Yvonne A. Wilson '84:** I feel estranged. I am an American professional who is now homeless. I am indeed grateful that I am not shelterless, and have my faith to sustain me. I sometimes feel I am in need of serious psychological counseling. Living with such instability and uncertainty has caused stress beyond measure. My parents are in two separate states. My oldest brother has had a heart attack since the flood. My father has been hospitalized seven times since the storm and my mother has broken ribs and her hip. Employment has been elusive. Depression is frequently one degree below the surface. But I am hopeful that tomorrow has to be a better, brighter day. Thanks for asking about my welfare. This post-Katrina experience has caused me to love and appreciate New Orleans all the more. There is no place like home. There is no food like New Orleans food!

**Trenee Maechling '93:** I'm recovering, living in a FEMA trailer on my brother's lawn. We took water in our house, mold destroyed everything else. We left the Sunday prior to Katrina. It was horrible. My husband had recently had a stent put in his heart and couldn't drive. We left our two beloved dogs with plenty of food and water, but when the levees broke, we feared the worst. When we returned "SPCA 9-13" was painted on our house, but they have no record of our dogs. I feel whoever took them loved them enough to rescue them. We evacuated to Deridder, Louisiana, and I took a temporary job at Beauregard Memorial Hospital for eight weeks - the staff was wonderful. Rita came along and ripped their community apart, but the teamwork was astounding.

**Carol "Lori" Leblanc Wood '86:** I lost everything I owned. I had just had another surgery right before Katrina, and evacuated to Baton Rouge and then Arkansas. It was a horrible experience and we are glad to be alive. I was very ill for a time, but I am well now. My husband has retired from UPS and we will make our home here in Hot Springs, Arkansas, now.

**Marsha Metoyer Legaux '82:** Houston has a great hospital system. I have found a wonderful job doing exactly what I have always wanted to do. I am a lactation consultant, making more money than in New Orleans.

**Betty Toups '67:** We have been through a flood in '79, Hurricane Alicia in '83, Tropical Storm Allison in '01, and Hurricane Rita in '05. We've had to put ourselves back together so many times, you stay numb for a while. Then you work through it and get ready for the next hurricane season. After Rita, it will take a lot longer to get the infrastructure back together here in Beaumont, Texas.

**June Schmalz Rees '53:** I am very sad. My house in Lakeview was flooded to the ceiling and my husband and I have moved to Baton Rouge. I lost all my pictures, records and almost all of the material things that were dear to me. I can't help but grieve, yet I know that some people lost loved ones and some lost their lives. I pray for God to comfort them and to help us all. I hope that CHSN will endure, and I know that the spirit of the alumni will be there forever.

**Nerle Sones Gutierrez '62:** During the past four years I have worked at the St. Tammany Parish Special Needs Shelter. After Katrina there were volunteers from many other facilities around the area and eventually from other parts of the country. It is gratifying to know that so many people still do care. They were great!! I am very blessed to have had only minor damage from Katrina. Most of the people who came to the shelter were not so fortunate. The three weeks working with them made me realize even more how lucky I am, and how much being a nurse enables me to respond in situations such as Katrina created. Until more help came to us, we improvised. Charity nurses are good at that, especially us "old work horses." My heartfelt thanks to the officers and board of the Alumni Association for working so diligently to keep the spirit of CHSN alive and well.

**Betty Ruth Guin '49:** As I watched on TV the terrible scenes of Katrina, I was broken-hearted seeing the water rising around Charity Hospital. During the hurricane in 1947, I was working in newborn nursing in my first year of training. I remember walking up ten stories to duty because the elevators were out. I remember mopping floors because of the rain coming through the windows of the solarium where the babies were usually kept - we put them in the hallways that day. About the time we thought we had the floor dry, the eye passed and the other nursery floor was flooded - so we started again mopping. My prayers were surely with all the staff and patients at Charity Hospital.

**Angelle Hill '99:** My home in Slidell sustained four feet of water and six inches of mud. My husband is only working one day a week as a nurse and fixing the house the rest of the time.



**Ruth Brink Wallace ‘59:** I’m doing as well as can be expected for a 75-year-old. I would like to report that the Class of ‘59 gave \$750 to Katrina relief: \$250 to the Salvation Army, \$250 to the Red Cross, and \$250 to Habitat for Humanity.

**Wanda Perry ‘52:** You’ll never know the extent of prayers sent your way during this tragedy. I felt pride watching the news on Charity - the staff on duty at the time was remarkable. I had worried over what the students would do, and your newsletter arrived to answer my question. Thanks to all of you for being there and thoughtful enough to let us know what is going on.

**Margaret M. Schorr ‘98:** How am I? I am rising to the challenges subsequent to Katrina as best I can. Life is so different. My husband and I are living 1700 miles apart since October. I stayed with my employer and relocated to work in Palm Springs, California. My husband works with the New Orleans Fire Department and continues his job in New Orleans. We are married almost 27 years and had never been apart more than a week or so. I’m grateful for my job. The work helps me keep focused. Dealing with SBA, FEMA, insurance, etc., is frustrating at best. I miss New Orleans and plan to return some time in May. The damage to our home is such a heartbreak. We completed construction of our dream house in May 2004. Our house is located at Ground Zero at the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Canal levee breach (literally in our back yard). I could write on and on. I keep putting one foot in front of the other. Hope you and yours are okay.

**Patricia Brue ‘95:** I pray often for all our sisters and brothers who struggled through the storm. I feel blessed. My home suffered minor damage but was looted. My husband’s Vietnam medals and keepsakes were stolen which disturbed him greatly. My rental houses suffered terrible roof damage and I found myself blue-roofing at 54 years of age. My sister, Joe Fontana Daigle ‘96, had a tree fall on her house. She will have some one bedroom apartments available for rent soon in case students need a place. My youngest sister Margie Upshaw is grateful to be back in school. She will make us three graduates of Charity, hopefully in May.

I worked Geri-Psych at Lakeview Regional and many elderly have been left homeless and are being placed in nursing homes.

**Barbara Bourgeois Chutz ‘55:** I am doing well. My daughter (Kathleen Burkhardt ‘85) bought a house in Breaux Bridge. She worked for Tulane and now works at Women and Children’s in Lafayette. I am living with her and her family since I lost my husband in July 2005 due to cancer.

**Shannon P. LaBruzza ‘93:** I was DON of a nursing home in New Orleans and evacuated 150 long-term care residents four to five days post-Katrina. I was personally rescued by a SWAT team. I am now the DON of St. Anthony’s in Metairie. My story could make movie of the week and I now await the 2006 hurricane season to determine my next chapter.

**Shirley McTaggart Reece ‘60:** I live in South Florida and fortunately missed Katrina, but went through Hurricane Wilma. My family and I fared well.

**Mary Margaret Cavallino ‘70:** I have this incredible sense of sadness. I feel that the city where I was born and became an adult will never be the same again. I am having difficulty believing that Charity Hospital is closed and not there to serve those who desperately need the expertise and compassion that was given there for so many years. I know that the system wasn’t perfect, but it was this unique environment that in some way enriched the lives of those who passed through the doors.

**Frances L. Gagliano ‘92:** Fighting with the insurance company, making repairs, replacing appliance and furniture that Katrina took away. However I consider myself blessed that I am back in my home and can get back to as normal a life as I can. There’s lots left to do, but I’m doing great. Lost a lot, gained so much emotionally, but mostly increased my fortitude. You gotta get tough. God bless everyone.

**Marie C. Simoneaux ‘68:** I worked in the shelter at Nicholls State University. Our emergency department at Assumption Community Hospital saw an increase in patients due to evacuees coming into our area. We also had inpatients that came to us from the devastated areas. It was truly a humbling experience to see so many people in dire need of shelter, medical care and just the simple means of survival.

**Antoinette Keating Sykes ‘61:** I reside in Long Beach, Mississippi, one of the hardest hit communities on the Gulf Coast. Our entire beach is gone along with several blocks to the north. We have lost homes, schools, places of worship, eating establishments and businesses. Utilities are available north of the railroad track; south is still struggling to get utilities back. Schools are now open and slowly we are making a return to some kind of “normal,” whatever that might be. My heart is saddened by reports of my home town and its people. I pray that the people of New Orleans will have the same resolve and determination that we here on the Gulf Coast have... we will come back stronger and better.

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# Blue Letters

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**Marion Morgan ‘51:** The town of Collins, Mississippi, had much damage. I lost power, but had gas. Neighbors and I cooked together and ate together.

**Catherine “Sue” Finley Miller ‘73:** The biggest and most distressing change is that after 19 years on the Pediatrics unit in a Lafayette hospital, I have left to work in Peds Clinic. Our unit was housing more adults (medicine, surgery, ortho, ENT, and renal transplants) than children. As much as I love the acute setting, the change and demands were too great. It is a very drastic move for me. Hopefully I will not regret my decision.

**Lori A. Stephens Sandifer ‘02:** Lost my job at Charity and was displaced from my home due to storm damage. We are living in Columbus, Ohio. My children have made a good adjustment, but I am unemployed. I feel sometimes that I don’t have a place in society since I’m not working. My son graduates in June and then I’ll return home for good.

**Angele Davis-Collins ‘93:** There is no place like home. Katrina has given me a chance to reflect on the importance of family and friends. To appreciate the present, to appreciate and be aware of blessings everyday. The importance of telling your loved ones that you love them. To stop saving for tomorrow - because tomorrow is not promised.

**Vivian Manes ‘70:** Blessed to be safe, healthy, working. Best mail of the week: today’s letter from CHSNAA!!

**Roberta “Bobbie” Bartee ‘66:** I’ve heard it said that after nuclear holocaust there will be Cher, Louisiana highway weigh stations, and roaches. We can now assume there will also be Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association news, updates, and events. You all just keep on ticking. How in the hell do you do that?

**Therese Wendell Close ‘94:** I am a hospice nurse and was able to obtain a temporary Texas license and continue working for our company, seeing patients in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. I was able to work with several patients and their families displaced from the New Orleans area, including some who had spent several days in the Superdome. It was very poignant, yet very rewarding. Since my return, I have traveled every inch of this ravaged community to see our patients who need physical, emotional and spiritual support now more than ever. It breaks my heart to travel through desolate neighborhoods

in the Lower Ninth and St. Bernard and to actually recognize ruined homes where I sat on porches with beautiful people who loved us and were deeply grateful for the smallest act of kindness! I can only pray that the families of those departed hospice patients are safe somewhere else. I have had the privilege of sharing the last moments of folks in everything from a Garden District mansion to a FEMA trailer in St. Bernard; each family is beautiful and each experience has helped me to grow as a nurse and a human being. I am grateful to be home and to be part of the lives of our struggling, yet determined, fellow New Orleanians.

**Beverly Rainey ‘05:** Only three months after graduating I was activated for hurricane duty in my new job at Charity MICU. I cannot describe the experience during the storm and its aftermath, but I have the memories. Under great leadership, and with the help of my colleagues, I was able to take care of my patients without losing my will to be the best nurse possible. I will never forget my experience. Some things they don’t teach you in nursing school! Maybe survival nursing needs to be an elective!

**Robin Vierhout ‘00:** I am so homesick it hurts. I miss the River, I miss the lake, and I miss the people!

**Angela Paige Jackson ‘95:** I was a New Orleans East resident and am now living in Houston, Texas. We hear constantly that what’s done is done and now we must move forward and grab all the new opportunities, but those are not comforting words to people who were happy with their lives the way they were. We are separated from our families. Our support systems are gone. Gone are the familiar routines we’ve enjoyed since childhood. Gone from our lives is City Park where my father allowed me to climb the majestic oak trees, the afternoons at the New Orleans Museum of Art, impromptu dancing in the streets, jazz processions, and crawfish on the lakefront on a hot summer day. We’ve lost every memento of our lives from baby shoes and locks of hair to wedding dresses. We lost a comic book collection that linked a man to his boyhood. We lost a great part of those things that created the essence of who we are and the very things that allowed us to revisit those precious moments in our lives.

When people ask, “Why do people live there?” I tell them ‘they live where they were born. They live where their lives began and took shape and where they are somebody. They are at HOME.’ In New Orleans, we lived where we were not visitors, or evacuees, or guests. While we appreciate the kindness of the world, please don’t forget that we were families with lives and traditions, and we are now forced to make do. This has easily been one of the hardest things I have ever had to deal with. God bless you all, and good luck. ☘



# Storm Duty

*We asked our alumni that were required to work during the storm whether they felt their employers had adequately prepared for the disaster. We did not intend this question as an attempt to pass judgement on healthcare facilities, but as information on a workplace issue. What can we expect, and what should we expect, from our employer when we are required to be on duty?*

*Of those responding, almost fifty were working during the storm, the vast majority at hospitals, and a few at nursing homes. They were split pretty evenly on the question of whether their facilities were adequately prepared given the unexpected scope of the disaster, but many wrote to us about their experiences. Some alumni who were not on duty also had opinions. With one exception, we have not included names of alumni or employers with these comments.*

“We must believe that everyone involved reacted in the best way they could. I can’t believe anyone would intentionally harm a patient or an employee. It all happened too quickly to consider every action.”

“I was at work from the Friday before the storm until the Friday night after the storm hit. I was able to come home on the Saturday and Sunday mornings before the storm only to get essentials that I would need to work a few days (because no one predicted it was going to be this bad). The conditions at work had always been bad even before the storm, hot in the summer, cold in the winter, so you can only imagine what we experienced for seven straight days and nights with no water, no electricity, no cooked food, and no protection from the outside elements. So much was unknown because of lack of almost any outside contact. I got out eventually, only after not knowing about family and friends. It is something I think about every day, and I will never forget what happened.”

“The nursing home had supplies but the generators failed due to rising water. We had to evacuate patients to the Superdome on Tuesday morning. All of the patients were alive at the time of evacuation to the Dome, but some did perish afterwards.”

“The flood waters rose to approximately 12 feet around the hospital. Short of having a private fleet of watercraft and helicopters waiting in the wings somewhere at our disposal, I can’t imagine how the hospital could have adequately provided for patient and staff evacuation. Once the scope of the disaster was realized, every effort was made to evacuate as quickly as possible. But, we

were at the mercy of the helicopter and boat operators. We were one among so many facilities needing help.”

“Our hospital had well water, two generators and were staffed for disaster. Food and medicine was even provided for patients’ families. After the storm, we tried to evacuate patients safely by bus, in family cars, or by transport provided by other facilities to evacuate patients that needed to be moved. Our staff was marvelous, working very long hours at times with no air conditioning (due to rolling blackouts). Everyone pitched in - doctors, family members - helping in any way they could.”

“The hospital is only two stories high and the generators on the first floor had flooded before - 40 years ago during Hurricane Betsy.”

“My concern is for the nurses and doctors who remained at the local hospitals and are being accused of euthanasia. These people are heroes.”

“I am adjusting to being terminated after 28 years of service through no fault of my own.”

“I was working during the hurricane at a hospital not properly prepared for this type of disaster. Not enough food, not prepared to handle the influx of people who sought shelter at the hospital. I was also four months pregnant at the time. Management was aware of my condition which didn’t appear to matter to them. Thankfully my son was born healthy in January 2006. I lost my home, my car, and my job since the hospital flooded. There needs to be some kind of mandate on hospitals being truly prepared to handle this type of situation as to not endanger patients and staff ever again.”

“Our hospital was not built for a category three or greater hurricane. The generators were on the first floor! It was not meant to be a shelter, but the community came there to be rescued.”

“Everyone in the hospital did the best that they could. Emergency generators flooded, there was poor planning. We were not evacuated until the Friday after the storm. In general the entire plan for the Metro area could be improved.”

“Why are there basements in Gulf Coast hospitals? We are below sea level as it is. Generators must be totally protected for our patients.”

“All the preparations in our hospital were last-minute. No real advance planning was done.”

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“I heard horror stories from my co-workers of having to nail the doors of the NICU unit closed at night to keep strangers from coming in the unit to loot and rob. Once they were evacuated from the hospital, they were dropped off at I-10 and Causeway with no assistance or assurances of any help after staying for the storm to take care of all the babies. All of my co-workers really felt taken advantage of and abandoned.”

“The facility was powerless to stage an evacuation and had to depend on others to arrange it and put the evacuation into motion.”

“I don’t think preparations were adequate. The hospital was FULL. Elective surgeries continued on the Friday before Katrina.”

“No accommodations were provided for staff. After patients were evacuated, the staff was left on their own.”

“We were at the hospital for six days and the last night we had to sleep in the parking garage, but maintenance converted the top floor to a helipad and supplies were flown in every time they came to pick up patients. The hospital police went above and beyond, literally saving us from looters and junkies who had weapons and shot at us and the helicopters.”

“We were not evacuated until Wednesday after the storm. I will not work again in a hospital that does not evacuate in advance.”

“I was not working during the storm, but I know they threatened to fire any staff nurses that were scheduled to work if they did not report to work on Saturday or Sunday before the storm.”

“I was on the B team, required to come to work after the storm. Since we had to report to work we could not evacuate properly, we could not go too far away and had to leave our loved ones during the storm.”

“My hospital never closed and took excellent care of its staff. All involved did anything to provide food, shelter and comfort.”

“I was demoted since I evacuated. I plan to move to Texas since this happened. I really do not want to work for an employer that has so little value for my life.”

“This is what I heard from four separate RNs who stayed to work. The cafeteria was in the flooded basement, so no food. The generator was in the basement. No security or police were with the staff for three days. Patients and staff sat in the lobby for days with no power. Those I’ve spoken with say the situation was unbearable. It took 7 days to evacuate everyone by flatboat. Staff were dropped off at the Convention Center or at Causeway. They were not allowed to take pets or belongings. These people told me they were in fear for their lives and felt the facility should have made arrangements for the staff that had taken care of patients in such a situation.”

“I worked for a large clinic in New Orleans East serving 4,000 patients from New Orleans, Chalmette and Gentilly. The group has now gone bankrupt. No one could have prepared for the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina and the inadequacies of our protective levees.”

“All hospitals have had endless chemical-spill training, but none for a hurricane.”

“In a Category-Five hurricane, every patient and employee should be evacuated. There should have been provisions and water to last for a month.”

“Communications were the main problem. Perceived civil unrest was the next biggest problem. The people in charge were over-reacting. I guess they were getting caught up in the excitement and lost focus on the real problems. Since we have never experienced this grand a problem, no one knew how to act. I think a lot can be learned from this. The question is: Will a lot be learned?”

“I was disappointed that the facility I worked in used threat tactics to retain their RNs. I am hesitant to return to the city because hospitals are looking after themselves rather than their nurses. They ignore that the staff also has needs: homes to repair, families to care for, child care problems, and they need more flexibility. The hospitals don’t work with the nurses to make these burdens easier.”

“The experience of being at Charity Hospital during the hurricane was one I will never forget. As a relatively new grad, I think it strengthened me as a nurse, and in a way I will cherish the experience. I miss my job at Charity, but since the storm I’ve gained employment in a job I’ve been wanting. Although the storm was bad it did open up new and exciting doors for me elsewhere. Since I’ve been employed in the private sector since the hurricane, I’ve discovered that what people have said all along is true: Charity School of Nursing and working at Charity really prepares you as a nurse. Both experiences have been invaluable to me as a nurse and I’d never trade them!” ☞



Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association

# Alumni



## “Rebuilding” Breakfast

### Saturday, June 24, 2006

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Rowena Smith Christensen '51  
Julia Marlin Easterling '36  
Linda Fontenot '85  
Bryanne Murry Hamill '76  
Lista Hank '97  
Joycelyn Jeansonne '78  
Goldie Ladner '50  
Betty Trosclair Loumiet '92  
Pat Lindsey Mancuso '72  
Mary McBride '67  
Mary Alice Basco McKinney '34  
Sherrill Hooper Millard '47  
Charlene White Persich '74  
Marijean Martin Pruett '54  
Audrae A. Quintini '42  
Gina West Ragland '86  
Karen DelValle Tampira '79  
Louanna Cardinale Whiddon '67



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SISTER STANISLAUS 2005  
Mary Falterman Bourgeois '81  
Emily Clouatre '97  
Susanne Tyra Long '93  
Melissa Day Meyers '76  
  
SILVER STAR 2005  
Brenda K. Chetta '62  
Karen Ann LeBlanc '76  
Perry Joseph Meche '77  
Jane Mielenz Morehouse '93  
Connie Kennedy Proctor '65  
Cynthia Mouret Schexnayder '67  
Mary Bert Jones Watson '54

## BLUE RIBBON 2005

Kelly Adams '03  
JoCarroll Aguillard Barham '64  
Brenda Martinez Bernard '96  
Lisa Falcon Rodriguez Brooks '74  
Celeste A. Dale '04  
Judith Drawdy Dehays '64  
Nancy Rushing Doane '75  
Patricia Dufrene '85  
Cecile Vining Even '62  
Faye Leathem Flaherty '70  
Kathy Sylvester Foster '77  
Barbara Hanford Freid '63  
Karen Cado Graham '77  
Martha E. Gallops Hyman '70  
Linda Fontenot Joiner '66  
Joyce Paul Koch '69  
Katherine Manuel Landreneau '71

Shirley Williams Langley '52  
Elaine Schexnayder Launey '76  
Sharlene Jaeger Macera '78  
Theresa Marchese '65  
Shirleen V. Monroe '96  
Lila Maxine Phillips Norred '47  
Jacqueline Porth Owen '73  
Lane McAlister Pierce '76  
Mary Lemoine Putman '75  
Deena Dodge Rabalais '90  
Nikki Domingue Rhodes '81  
June Marie Brennan Rickett '51  
Carolyn Desselle Righter '67  
Phyllis Howdeshell Roberts '58  
Rose Fraser Robertson '58  
Charlene D. Rovira '92  
Patricia Aucoin Shannon '75  
Joan Robichaux Sigmond '57  
Susan Pye Stone '72  
Martha Boone Taft '54  
Daisy M. Thom '77  
Evelyn Trenary Wirstrom '79  
Marcella "Penny" Young Ziegler '80

## 2006

SISTER STANISLAUS 2006  
Carolyn M. Bartsch '70  
  
SILVER STAR 2006  
Paula Greene '88  
Gregory Jacob '83  
Karen Ann LeBlanc '76  
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Joyce Paul Koch '69  
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Barbara Leitner Quehl '55  
Patricia Aucoin Shannon '75  
Nikki Domingue Rhodes '81  
Phyllis Howdeshell Roberts '58  
Carolyn Pattison Roper '52  
Barbara Dupre Schexnaildre '48  
Edith Parks Shirah '49  
Joan Robichaux Sigmond '57  
Brenda Shields Simmons '96  
Joan Gary Stanton '64  
Teresa Davis Tallon '97  
Carolyn Wattigny '95  
Evelyn Trenary Wirstrom '79

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# ALUMNI NEWS

## Fall 2006

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## From the President

What a year this has been! My high school class marked the 50-year anniversary of our graduation, and recognizing how lucky we are to still be here, we celebrated twice: September in Las Vegas, and November in Hawaii on Oahu.

Gilbert and I lived 40-plus years in one house, always saying that someday we would live on the water. This year, we realized that "someday" is now, and we have moved into our waterside home. I've seen a new-found attitude among so many of the folks I know: stop and enjoy your life. Trips are being planned. Friends and family are more important.

Certainly that has been true of our alumni! Despite the personal struggles so many have had to endure, the response for Homecoming was phenomenal. Being able to get together with our friends and classmates and so many generations of Charity graduates was such a heart-touching, joyous celebration. More about Homecoming later...

### Board to Stay On One More Year

In last year's post-Katrina tumult, when sending out ballots was impossible, it was logical to forego elections and keep the current Board in place. Then this fall, as the Board started thinking about nominations, we realized that holding elections at this point would derail the normal cycle of terms. We considered possible alternatives, but finally it just seemed, once again, that the most logical thing to do was keep everyone in place one more year.

This was the decision of the Board, and I am flattered that they asked me to continue as your President. I am also proud to have served this Association since 1996. It's been wonderful and challenging and so many of my personal goals for the organization have been met. I certainly think the Board has done an extraordinary job, especially in the last 15 months.

So here we are and I hope our membership feels that



*Class of '34: Juliette Kaufman, Evelyn Boyet and Myrtle Ridgedale Merrick at the March 2005 Luncheon.*

they are being well served. But all of this status quo does not mean we will be standing still!

### Send in Your Dues

Usually this newsletter, because it would normally contain the ballot, is only sent to the paid members of the Alumni Association who are the voting members. This time we are sending it to everyone, so why not take this opportunity to become a paid member by sending in your membership dues?

Use the membership form on page 2, or if you are going to attend the luncheon in February, renew your membership on the Reservation Form on page 7. Not only will you receive the 2007 *Alumni News* in November, but you will be able to vote for the first new slate of officers since 2004!

### Run for Office

And while we're talking about elections, why not think about running yourself? We'll be looking for new officers, nominating committee members and

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# From the President

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Board members. It's an exciting time to be in a leadership role in the Alumni Association, and the work is neither difficult nor very time-consuming! Check off the box on the membership form and we'll send you more information on positions and how to run.

## Calling All Grads

We need more support from our more recent graduates. Believe it or not, our 1930s & 40s classes are better represented at alumni functions than classes from the 80s and 90s! We know you are busy with careers and families, but we want you to stay involved with Charity. We cherish every one of our graduates, and want you to continue as part of *our* family.

So take a few hours out and join us for lunch on February 3. Call up a friend, or a classmate you haven't seen in a while, or a colleague who attended Charity, and come. You'll understand why so many alumni never miss these get-togethers!

## Homecoming Notes

We'll have articles and pictures from our 2006 Homecoming blast in *The White Cap* this spring, but I just want to say that it was incredible. I was so happy to see so many alumni there, and did we have fun!

I also want to apologize for the fact that a couple of our Homecoming Patrons who should have been in the program were inadvertently left off the list. Thank

you to alumna Rowena Christensen who was a Front Line Patron, and to NODNA for supporting us at the Comrade in Arms level. If we forgot anyone else, just let us know. We are going to reprint a complete list of Homecoming Patrons in *The White Cap*.

I especially want to thank all of our many Homecoming Patrons because they made it possible for us to purchase the WWII ambulance that we presented to D-Day: the National World War II Museum. There was so much enthusiasm for making this gift! I'd love for this to be a new Homecoming tradition, finding ways in our city to make lasting tributes to the contributions of our nursing forebears.

I spoke at Homecoming to one of our most delightful alumni, Juliette Kaufman, Class of '34. I think she spent more time on the D-Day Museum dance floor more than anyone else there! She told me that her eyesight isn't so good anymore, but "all it means is that the old ladies look lovely, and all the men are handsome." What an inspiration she is for all of us - still cutting the rug and enjoying life!

The holidays are upon us and I'll be thinking of each of you. Take time to enjoy the season and, every now and then, just take off your glasses and dance.

Happy Holidays, and my very best wishes for the coming year!

*Suzy Andry*

President, CHSNAA

----- Clip this form and mail it in! -----

I want to become a paid Alumni Association member  
so I can vote in the November elections!

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_  
First name Maiden/graduating name Last name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Greetings from the Executive Director

First, some important information that must be acted upon immediately.

## Lost Pins

Many alumni have contacted me about getting replacement Charity Nursing pins. Herff-Jones, the manufacturer, has been helpful about working with us, but please understand that this is a one-time deal because of Katrina, and unfortunately you don't have much time. **WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR ORDER FOR A REPLACEMENT PIN NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 18, 2006.**

To order a pin you must fill out the form below and mail it, along with your check, to the Alumni Office. Even if you have given me your information already, you must complete the form below and mail it in with your check.

We are placing only one order, and these prices are only good for this order. If you are late you will have to purchase your pin at the regular price. The School of Nursing also has to verify that you are a graduate.

Graduates from the AD Program can purchase either a 10-carat gold pin, gold-fill, or gold electroplate. Diploma pins are only available in 10-carat gold. See the form below for pricing information.

## Charity Nite Live

CASN, the Charity Association of Student Nurses, is hosting a talent show. "Charity Nite Live" will showcase the often surprising creative talents of our



students, faculty and alumni. The show is scheduled for Friday, March 23, 2007.

Alumni are invited enter the competition, or just come to enjoy the great show.

Strut your stuff! Bridge the generation gap! Contact CSN faculty member and CHSN alumna Mary Trosclair at 504-568-6472 for more information.

## Homecoming

The Homecoming activates will be the highlight of the 2007 *White Cap*.

I have to say that Homecoming was quite a success. If you were unable to attend you will have another chance in 2010 to join the celebration.

## Lost Alumni

Katrina has thinned our rolls because so many alumni members have moved due to loss of jobs and homes. On page 4, I have listed the names of some members for whom we no longer have addresses. I am asking for your help, and will continue to list names in each publication. If you have any addresses or telephone numbers, or any information that might help us track these "lost alumni" down, I would appreciate hearing from you. If you work with any of these graduates, please ask them to call the office at 504-568-6372 and give us their current address. This will be an ongoing project to find as many alumni members as we can.

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## I want to order a replacement Charity Nursing pin.

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CHECK PIN OF YOUR CHOICE

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

### Associate Degree

- ☐ 10-carat gold. ....\$260.90
- ☐ Gold-fill.... ...\$108.00
- ☐ Gold-electroplate....\$39.90

### Diploma Degree

- ☐ 10-carat gold. ....\$243.90

**Make checks payable to:  
Herff-Jones.**

Name at graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

### Mailing Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## Please Help Us Find These Lost Alumni

It's reunion year for the following classes but over time (and post-Katrina), some alumni have not kept us informed of their address changes. If you can help us locate any of these "lost alumni," or if you are interested in helping plan a reunion for your class, please contact the Alumni Office: 504-568-6372 or [csnalbumni@dcc.edu](mailto:csnalbumni@dcc.edu)

### Class of 1997

Diane Crist Aldridge  
Anthony Amadeo  
Stacey Martinez Bailie  
Amanda Mossman Bonnette  
Darlene Marino Boudreaux  
Suzanne Sinclair Carpenter  
Denise Guedry Charters  
Paula Derbes  
Lester Dufrechou  
Brenda Sue Fernandez  
Karen Farnsworth Franklin  
Angela Fruge Gautreaux  
Kimberly Kidder Gettys  
Denise Case Gilbert  
Schilacy Hall  
Jonathan Hamm  
Evelyn Harris  
Krisden Wells Huggett  
Michelle Barbier Jiron  
Clarence Jones  
Roseann Key  
Tammie Parker Lala  
Danneel Miller Larkin  
Elizabeth Famiglio Liebert  
Florence Logrande  
Kelley Murray Mandella  
Ralph Marchese, Jr.  
Michelle Matthews  
Renee Morris  
Sherrie Mullet  
Tamila Thomas Pierre  
Becky Brown Porter  
Lydia Hornsby Quirk  
Leona Reed  
Daniel Scott  
Martha Swift  
Sara Touns  
Marion Gullage Walls  
Gina Romano Ward

### Barbara Warren

Stacey Lofton-White  
Erin Justison Wieber  
Terry Wooley

### Class of 1987

Roslyn Matthews Arnaud  
Carolyn Beck  
Cassandra Scott Borne  
Victoria Gigliotta Cangemi  
Jada Davis  
Donna Dowell  
Lorie Sciara Duval  
Lori Sherwood Dykes  
Alethia Freeman Gauthier  
Julie Buck Gladson  
Leonard Griffin  
Jemaine Abila Halvorsen  
Pearlie Dean Harris  
Lester Haydel  
Nicole Fremaux Keehn  
Deborah Lowe Kendrick  
Lauren Klein  
Anne Manson  
Gina Mistretta  
Dionne Frank Park  
Tia Paul  
Judy Petitfils  
Rosemary Phillips  
Judy Collins Rosa  
Tracy Call Scallan  
Patricia Jones Shields  
Patricia Phillips Slack  
Aurora Miceli Smith  
Suzette Valladares  
Christine Comeaux Voiselle  
Michael West  
Deborah Calcagno Wolfe  
Marsha Crowe Wyatt

### Class of 1977

Carl Blumberg  
Debra Bordelon Bonau  
Marion Gregg Brown  
Jeanette Belina Chesterman  
Debra Wallace Culotta  
Kathleen Cavolick Dean  
Ricky Dicapo  
Fay Duke  
Margaret Engeron  
Anne McCarty Ernard  
Anne Falterman  
Dorothea Johnson Fleischer  
Victoria Hartman  
Brenda Hebert  
Unni Kvale  
Cynthia Madron Lougue  
Deanna Leonard McKneely  
Janet Raser Parrish  
Debbie Harmann Perry  
Mary Beth McMillan Roberts  
Yolanda Craco Saenz  
Patricia Ciolino Scheffler  
Karen Primeaux Thomas  
Debra Barbier Upchurch  
Marion Miller Williamson

### Class of 1967

Virginia Fairs Angle  
Carolyn Overturf Baize  
Elvira Bordelon Barrios  
Mary Higgins Beavan  
Barbara Porwoll Davis  
Mary Popper Doherty  
Suzanne Theriot Dominique  
Paula Parrish Hawkins  
Beverly Kaffler Hofferber  
H. Christine King Jones  
Lynda Keene

### Ann Gaubert LaRose

Emily Sansbury Mulkey  
Margaret Stanton Paschal  
Lesley Daigle Plastere  
Janice Stone Prater  
Bonnie Fontenot Pratt  
Lois Virnau Rubrecht  
Marilyn Vinci  
Bonnie Glover Woollums

### Class of 1957

Patricia O'Brien Badalamen  
Betty White Bagwell  
Dorothy Aull Barkley  
Margaret Dupre Bergeron  
Winifred Witte Burke  
Patricia Caillouet  
Marlene Chaisson  
Sandra Miller Cockrell  
Joan Bonnafee Cressione  
Johanna Arendsen Dolejsi  
Joanne McNeill Ghirardi  
Dolores Harris  
Shirley Armstrong Harrop  
Marilyn Brunk Jennings  
Ruby Burton Key  
Donna Jenkins Lee  
Madeline Dixon Loupe  
V. Anne Bunnell Massari  
Laurie Davis McCraney  
Leona Fletcher McCullough  
Frances Leon McGuire  
M. Joann McCullough Olson  
Barbara Bird Richard  
Patsy Reifel Robertson  
Claire Sonnier Robichaux  
Alma Dillon Robinson  
E. Charline Amis Thomas  
Margaret Vanderdray  
Helen Guidry Williams

## Executive Director

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If you would like to help out the Alumni Association by volunteering, please let me know. We need alumni to help with mailings, to help serve our senior & freshman student breakfasts & lunches, to help register at alumni events. You could help with publications, or plan and sell souvenirs. There may be

things that you can do that we haven't even thought of yet. Contact the Alumni Office and let's talk.

The Alumni Luncheon is scheduled for February 3 at the Sheraton in Metairie (next door to the Galleria). The reservation form is on page 7. Don't let it get lost in the holiday craziness! Mail it in today! I look forward to seeing you all in February.

*Doris Burwant*

Executive Director



# Alumni News & Notes

**Melissa Smith Romano '02:** Melissa was named the 2005 Young Careerist for the St. Bernard Business and Professional Women's Club, and represented her parish at the state convention in the summer of 2005.

**Louise Rue Stenberg '55:** "It's hard to believe that it has been 51 years since we graduated from Charity. Wally and I have been married 45½ happy years. We have a son Keith, daughter Katherine, son-in-law Ken, and two granddaughters. My nursing career has been varied and interesting. Charity prepared us for anything! I am licensed in four states - LA, IL, FL and AL. At present I am recovering from hip replacement surgery." Louise also sent a memoir of her Charity experiences which will be included in the scrapbook.

**Toni Tilton '72:** "I am a locums CRNA working in Kentucky and Illinois. I sold my house, bought a motor home, and live like a gypsy! My wonderful Charity education provides such a solid foundation, I adapt easily. I would not trade my diploma for a PhD today!"

**Kathy Roberson McNutt '56:** "I was unable to attend the Homecoming due to spinal stenosis, but I wish I could have been with all of you. I have had a very active nursing career for 34 years. I have three fine sons, 7 grandchildren, and Ronnie and I will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!"

**Jo Rizzutto '71:** "I'm currently employed at a Pediatric Emergency Room. I have a Certification in Pediatrics - never seemed to have time for my BSN. I have had a good career with a wide variety of jobs all due to my training at Charity. Let the Good Times Roll!"

**Gloria Redmond Ashman '48:** "I am still busy - volunteer work as a nurse at an indigent clinic, as well as work with the sheriff's office and the church. Our community had many Katrina victims and I helped the Red Cross with them. I'm a widow - five sons and one daughter, 7 grandchildren."

**Kat Bocz '69:** After working at River Parishes Hospital for 22 years, Kat was named Chief Nursing Officer in September 2004. Kat is a resident of St. James Parish.



## Picture from the Past

*The Class of 1956 celebrates their 25<sup>th</sup> reunion at a luncheon at Commander's Palace in July 1981.*

**Hazel Arnoult Roy '36:** "I am 91 years of age, a Charity Honor Grad. Active mother of six - three girls and three boys. Retired from staff nursing at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge at age 60 after 26 years of nursing. Widowed December 1985 after 49 years of marriage to Raphael Waldo Roy."

**Marilyn J. Klein '58:** "In June 2006 we moved to El Paso, Texas where are children and grandchildren live. Have bought a beautiful home and starting life anew with all of our loved ones nearby."

**Mona Robicheaux Rojas '57:** "My husband Joe has end stage renal disease and has been on dialysis since June, but that has not kept him down. We plan to be in Paris the end of October 2006! In 1999, our daughter Lisa donated a kidney to her Dad and it gave him seven additional years of a normal life. While we are more restricted, we still manage to enjoy life. I am hoping to get back to golf - we moved to a smaller home in a golf-oriented area, so I hope to get out and play again!"

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## Alumni News & Notes

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**Barbara Minga Warren '55:** "Over the years I've had seven nursing positions. All were very rewarding and took place all over the USA as I followed my husband, Fritz, a US Marine Corps officer from one to another assignment. Fritz graduated from the US Naval Academy in June 1957 and we were married a week later. We have moved 11 times in his career. The last assignment took us to Indonesia with our three children. These kids are now married with their own families giving us five wonderful grandchildren. Life has been very good to us!"



**Carol Giannetto Hopper '48:** On Medical Mission in Grenada, Nicaragua, Carol is shown (*in center of photo, above*) with Sister Mayra and Sister Amelia, Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent DePaul operating a home for the elderly, "Hogar Ancianos," in the heart of the city. This was Carol's twelfth medical mission. It was sponsored by the Knights of Malta, and Dr. Frank Schmidt of LSUHSC is Medical Director. "The wonderful nursing training I received so many years ago is still bearing fruit."

**Karen LeBlanc '76:** Karen retired this year after working 30 years for Iberia Medical Center. She started out as a unit secretary at the hospital before becoming a nurse. She worked in various areas of the hospital, including the education department, before being named head nurse.

**Catherine Richard Verdone '64:** "I joined the US Air Force Nurse Corps in 1969 for two years during the Vietnam War. I was a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant stationed in San Antonio, Texas, at Lackland Air Force Base at a general hospital for active duty and retired personnel and their



*Charlene Persich wins the raffle at the March 2005 Alumni Luncheon.*

dependents. I joined the Air Force to see the world but the only place I saw was Texas. It eventually worked out well since I met my husband there. We lived in Chicago for 15 years, and had three daughters. I've lived in Metairie the past 20 years.

"No matter where I worked in my career, I have always been proud of my connection to Charity Hospital and the unparalleled education and nursing experience I received on those wards. How did we survive working on the wards with no air-conditioning in our starched uniforms? Even the dormitory was not air-conditioned above the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. After the Charity experience, nothing could shock or unnerve me. I am very proud to be a Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni. I am still working as an occupational health nurse and case manager and plan to continue 5 to 10 more years." ❧



### IN MEMORIAM

- Josephine Smith Armstrong '49 (4/11/03)
- Josephine Yzquierdo Armstrong '47 (3/11/03)
- Rosemary Rita Boudreaux '50 (9/14/06)
- Rosalind Torregano Parson Breaux '91 (4/12/06)
- Rose Mary Bertrand Breaux '47 (8/31/06)
- Patricia Warren Castaguetta '56 (8/5/06)
- Lila Phillips Norred '50 (2/6/06)
- Gloria Sims Newark '50 (7/26/06)
- Daniel Poolson '86 (7/3/05)
- Pauline Rita Talbot Scarborough '59 (7/2/06)
- Stella Mandle Schormack '37 (8/5/06)
- Frances Verdella Whitson '39 (date unknown)





Charity Hospital School of Nursing

# Alumni Luncheon



Saturday, February 3, 2007  
Sheraton Metairie-New Orleans Hotel  
4 Galleria Blvd in Metairie  
(Next to the Galleria at S. Causeway and I-10)  
504-837-6707 Free parking!!

Registration/Cash Bar opens at 10:30am,  
Luncheon served at 11:30am

**Cost: \$30.00 per person**

**MENU:** Choice of Pecan Crusted Catfish or Chicken Marsala,  
Green Salad, Rolls and Butter, Cheesecake, Iced Tea, Coffee

## CHSNA Alumni Luncheon Reservation Form

We must receive your reservation by January 29, 2007, to guarantee your seating.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First name Maiden/graduating name Last name

Class of: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ *I'll See You at the Luncheon:*

Total number of people \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 each.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

How Many? \_\_\_\_\_ Pecan Crusted Catfish

How Many? \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Marsala

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
For Name Tag

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### *I Want to Contribute to:*

The White Cap Fund.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

The Alumni Fund.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

The Scholarship Fund.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** Enclosed is my check for.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Nursing Continuing Education in London and Paris, May 2007

The Charity School of Nursing Continuing Education Department is sponsoring a Nursing Continuing Education Tour in London and Paris, May 17-24, 2007. Travel will be arranged through Explorica, Inc., a leading facilitator of educational tours. Alumni, friends and family are invited to join the tour. Airline rates are going up, so register today!

For more information, you can go online to [www.myexplorica.com/Qualey-223](http://www.myexplorica.com/Qualey-223) or contact Donita Qualey, MN, RN, Coordinator of Distance Education, Continuing Education & Grants at CSN at 504-568-5624 or [dquale@dcc.edu](mailto:dquale@dcc.edu)

Highlights of the tour include:

- In London: tour the Florence Nightingale Museum and St. Thomas Hospital, Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey; Covent Gardens; Jack the Ripper Evening Tour;
- In Paris: tour the original Hotel Dieu Hospital, the Tuileries, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Tuileries; Seine Cruise;
- Presentations on public health care in London and Paris and the history of nursing in Europe;
- High-speed Eurostar Chunnel crossing;
- 15 contact hours of nursing continuing education;
- Much more!



*INSIDE:*

*Replacement Charity Nursing Pins are available  
but you must order before December 18, 2006.*

*See page 3 for details.*

*Make your reservations for the February Alumni Luncheon!*

*See page 7.*

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# THE WHITE CAP

Volume 39 Spring 2007

## From the President

BY SUZY H. ANDRY '59

We all have dreams. But it is a truly special dream that is treasured for the search to attain it.

I had dreamed for years of having a Charity Alumni event at the National D-Day Museum. I wanted our event to be a catalyst, encouraging the museum to include more images and stories about the incredible nurses who went to war so generations to come would remember their courage and sacrifice.

Homecoming 2005 seemed like it would be the year. We heard from so many Charity grads who loved the idea and, when we decided to buy a WWII ambulance for the museum, people in the community stepped forward eager to help us with donations. We knew it was a perfect partnership. Our plans were in place as *The White Cap* was mailed in the spring of 2005, and by late summer we'd spent countless hours in preparation.

Then there was Katrina. The storm knocked us down. Our alumni were scattered, the school was water-damaged, the D-Day Museum had been looted, what few hotels that were open were filled with rescue workers. Canceling our event was not even a decision; there was no other possibility. I thought my dream was dead.

Then the miracle of this dream began to emerge. Within weeks of the storm, emails were flying among the board members and by the end of the year we were meeting. My colleagues were resolute, they would not let me give up on this dream. We polled our members, you cheered us on. It was a year late, but Homecoming 2006 was the event I had hoped for. It was a dream that everyone of you made come true.

The attendance for all three events was greater by a hundred than any other event in our history. The museum was dazzling, the ambulance we bought was heroic, the ladies who dressed in their 40s clothes were enchanting - it all took my breath away.

My dream had come true and was bigger and better



*Charity's Cadet Nurse Corps steps up once again at the National World War II Museum for Homecoming 2006.*

than I could ever have imagined.

This issue of *The White Cap* is a bit of a celebration of Homecoming 2006, and another "thank you" to the very special people who made our purchase of the ambulance possible. For those of you who missed Homecoming 2006, I hope you enjoy the wonderful pictures. For those of you who were there, I know you'll enjoy the memories.

I feel so fortunate to have my dream come true, but most of all I feel blessed that there were so many of you eager to share it with me.

Now this is my wish for you. To choose a new dream for the Alumni Association. A dream, like this one, that goes beyond greeting old friends.

Homecoming 2010 is less than four years away. I want to hear from you folks. I need a new dream for Charity nurses. ☐

**Alumni  
Breakfast  
Saturday, June 9**  
See reservation form on page 11.



# Letter from the Executive Director

By Doris Burvant '60

Homecoming 2006 was such a success! I want to thank everyone who worked to make it great, especially Suzy Andry '59, Lisa Stokes-Hasten '78, Ursula Allain '65, Joycelyn Jeansonne '78, Margaret Palmisano '49 and Lista Hank '97. The officers and board members worked untiringly throughout the weeks prior to the event as well as during Homecoming weekend. This was not a one-man show!

## Special Thanks

Special thanks also go to the generous donors of our Homecoming raffle items: Sally Cooper '59 (Cadet Nurse doll), Accents, Inc. (framed cross-stitch), and Mary Etta Holliday (etched glass vase and the blue party bucket filled with goodies). Additional thanks go to the generous merchants who made some of our Homecoming souvenirs possible: Gayle Horton of Accents, Inc. for the CHSN Cross-stitch kits, and Amanda Sierra of Clay Originals for the ceramic plaques of the Charity dorm. And to Mary Etta Holliday for creating the special Homecoming gifts for our Big Brass Donors.

## Honorable Mentions

I want to mention just a few other names from Homecoming. The Cadet Nurses in attendance were: Mavis Daigle Lusher '46, Ella Toups Miller '46, Anna Darcey Gnade '46, Gloriana John Arceneaux '46, Sara Forsmark Ford '47, Julie Chappuis Gutierrez '46, Edna Gannon Treuting '46, Mary Cenas Bean '47, Lillian Meux Yeager '46. The Period Attire Winners were: Juliette Kaufman '34, Lillian Doris Meaux Yeager '46, Sandra Owens Robert '56, Margaret Palmisano '49, Gail Whitney Viator '68, Amanda Babin '68 and Charles Babin. The winners of "Name the Ambulance" were: Corinne Duplessis '78, Janice Scott '59, Judy Danos '61, Bobbie Folse '68, Cathy Skeins '73 and Catherine St. Cyr '59. And the winning name, chosen by the museum staff, was "Charity."

## Afghans and More

I have been receiving requests to purchase the CHSNAA afghan that was available several years ago. Some of our Alumni members lost their afghans due to the storm and our newer alumni haven't had a chance to buy one. You can order the afghans, and mailboxes, on the reservation form on page 11.

## Replacement Pins

Replacement nursing pins were ordered and should be in your hands. If you have not received your replacement pin, please call Graduate Supply at 504-737-4439.

## Reunion News

The classes of 1949, 1957, 1961, 1967, 1972 and 1997 are planning class reunions for the weekend of June 9th. Take a few hours that weekend to come and see your old friends and classmates!

On page 10 are lists of the members of those classes whose addresses we no longer have in our database. If you know how to contact any of these alumni please let me know. Call or email the Alumni Office.

## Lost Address Blues

The major battle in the Alumni Office continues to be lost addresses. If you are in touch with ANY alumni who aren't receiving our mailings, please send their contact information to the Alumni Office.

## June Breakfast

Be sure and mark your calendars and send in your payment for the June 9 Alumni Breakfast! The reservation form is on page 11.

The Wyndham Hotel was such a success at Homecoming we decided to return there. The view of the river and the French Quarter is spectacular, and the food is terrific. I am looking forward to seeing all of you once again, to enjoy good times and memories with your friends and classmates. ☐

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# Homecoming 2006





# Thank You to Our Homecoming 2006 Patrons

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Elizabeth R. Williamson '49



# Homecoming Special Treat for Nursing Faculty

By Kim Uddo, Assistant Professor

Saturdays are usually a day of house cleaning, errand running, and spending time with my children (when I am not grading care maps). I gave this up to volunteer for the CSN Homecoming festivities to represent the senior level curriculum.

Alumni toured the Education Building as part of the Homecoming program, and each of the nursing levels had a room to display their work. Celeste Phillips, Evelyn Dodson, Cheree Wiggins and I set up in Room 439 to show off the talents of our students. We had a lovely bulletin board meticulously designed by Cheree, and a beautiful student-made board game submitted by one of Evelyn's students. Celeste had patient education teaching posters from her group, and I had several of my students' care maps on display for the visiting alumni to admire.

I was pleased with our room, but what I did not realize was that the most "beautiful display" was going to be coming from the lovely alumni that I was about to meet.

Over twenty-five returning nurses visited our room. The ages ranged from recent graduates, to nurses in the midst of their careers, to retirees. I was so pleased to answer the interesting questions of these visitors and delighted to see the genuine interest of all the participants. However, I was most inspired by the conversations with those in the "older" category. (Now take that with a grain of salt, since I am 47 years old myself.) These "older" alumni were interesting, upbeat, optimistic, witty, intelligent and dignified.

I was so glad that I gave up a Saturday to meet these incredible people. Although I began the day thinking I was offering my time as service to the school, I quickly realized that I was a recipient of a great gift. The gift came in the form of awareness that it is the choices we make and the relationships we build while making them that greatly affect our lives and our ability to influence others.

It was at Homecoming where I was able to witness the many who chose to become nurses and to admire their rich relationships with one another. They made me realize how much I value those who have gone before me, my contemporaries, and those who have graduated during my employment as faculty.

Engaging with these lovely alumni on Homecoming Saturday gave me a stronger sense of who I am and my

values. I am inspired by their devoted loyalty to the school, their tenacity to remain leaders in the nursing profession, and their genuine warm kindness. I am honored to have met them and I look forward to future Homecomings. ☐

## Greetings from the School

By Patricia Egers, Provost, Dean CSN

Well, Spring is finally here. We are getting ready for the end of another semester. The school is still limping along with two cranky elevators for all of us. The stairs are getting a workout. The roof is still at its post-Katrina status—very leaky. There are trash cans strategically placed throughout the gym where we are now holding some classes.

I write this article two days after the killings at Virginia Tech. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone there. We are looking closely at our emergency plan again from a very un-hurricane point of view.

Today we drove to the main City Park campus for a crawfish boil under vibrant blue skies. That area of the city that was drowning in August of 2005 is slowly coming back. We celebrate every house being gutted and every flower being planted! For those of you outside of southern LA, don't forget us. There are so many people still living in trailers and battling with insurance companies and the Road Home. More of the faculty should be able to move back into their homes this June - another celebration!

This spring semester Charity has 775 nursing students in clinical courses. This is quite a feat as New Orleans healthcare is still very inadequate. We have clinical everywhere!! Our great need is for clinical faculty. We are not able to accept all students back into the program for the fall semester. Some are on a waiting list to register for a course when, and if, we get a faculty member. We have never had to do this before.

If you know of someone with a Masters in Nursing who "has teacher in 'em" and wants to teach, please have them contact the school at 504-568-6466. Our greatest source of new faculty is the graduates who want to come back. I consider that quite a compliment for the school.

Lastly, since December 2005 and Katrina, CSN has had 438 graduates from the RN program. I congratulate the faculty, the staff and the administration who made that happen with sheer guts and determination—you know the Charity spirit!! ☐



# Distinguished Members

## SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Mitzi Ridgdell Arnold '93  
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*Lucy Arnold Willard '59 at the 2007 Luncheon in February. Lucy comes all the way from Atlanta for every alumni event.*

## 2006

*Received after The White Cap 2006*

### SISTER STANISLAUS 2006

Priscilla Bolles Arrol '63  
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Madeline Tolson Markwood '52  
Kathy Garrand Rolston '71  
Bobby Torbert '60  
Barbara Ellison Wasano '62  
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JoAnn Ligon '66  
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Martha Chan '53  
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Faye Leathem Flaherty '70  
Martha Phillips Gentry '53  
Khaleelah Hasan '84  
Warren Hebert '79  
Camille Hein '69  
Sylvia Hruneni '72  
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## 2007

### SISTER STANISLAUS 2007

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Mary Lemoine Putman '75  
June Brennan Rickett '51  
Nikki Domingue Rhodes '81  
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Joan Robichaux Sigmond '57  
Brenda Simmons '96  
Tommielu Lambeth Sparks '60  
Joan Gary Stanton '64  
Teresa Davis Tallon '97  
Joyce Allen Urode '60  
Madeline Christiansen Watson '56  
Carolyn Wattigny '95  
Dianne Perdue Weber '67



# Alumni News

**Class of 9-10-65:** “The supposed jinx of Friday the 13th was dispelled on Friday, October 13th as 14 classmates and family met at Andrea's restaurant in Metairie. A relaxed atmosphere lent itself to a wonderful evening of animated conversation with everyone sharing reminiscences as well as experiences of the past 40-plus years. The camaraderie continued into Homecoming weekend.”

“**Mary Alice Basco McKinney ‘34** turned 99-years-old on January 1. She attributes her longevity and health to her spiritual faith, regular physical exercise (which in the last few years has included ballroom dancing and daily walks), trying to find humor in every situation, always having a goal or project to work on and look forward to, and recalling the good times she has had over her lifetime. Continuing to make happy memories throughout her life has helped sustain her positive attitude. She has also maintained her purpose in life as a caregiver by looking out for fellow veterans, passing on her nursing experience to those new to the profession, volunteer work and by sharing her life experiences with others. Mary is a living example of how to age gracefully.” *Bonita Lacour, LCSW*

**Judy Hawkins ‘68** was honored with the *2007 AORN Outstanding Achievement in Mentorship Award* on March 10 by the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses. The award recognizes outstanding achievement in mentorship, exhibited by commitment to the growth and development of perioperative nurse colleagues.

**Annette Rawls Theriot ‘37** will be 91 in November and would love to hear from anyone who graduated in February 1937. Write her at 312 Marina Blvd, Mandeville, LA 70471.

**Helen Edwards Jaqua ‘54:** “My husband Paul and I live in Glendale, AZ, a Phoenix suburb on the west side of the Valley of the Sun. Our three children are scattered to Colorado, Oregon and Boston. We are blessed with good health and stay active growing roses, helping with projects for the Rose Society of Glendale and with our church. I even work part-time with Hospice of the Valley, and Paul volunteers for that hospice visiting patients. To all of you who are a part of

rebuilding our beloved New Orleans, I salute you and pray for you.

**Brenda Putman Rabren ‘63:** “Living in Pensacola, FL. I have been working with my husband in the optical field for many years. I would love to hear from any of my classmates. Charity was wonderful. Charity was unforgettable!” Email: [Grannyput@cox.net](mailto:Grannyput@cox.net) or write c/o Ideal Optical, 6873-A N. 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Pensacola, FL 32504.

**Daisy Smith Horman ‘57:** “Greetings to my former classmates wherever you are! My fondest memories are of our years together in New Orleans. After 40 active years in nursing I am retired and living in Garland, TX, a suburb of Dallas. I would enjoy hearing from any of you. Address is 522 Yorktown Drive, Garland, TX 75043. Email [Cajungal3@aol.com](mailto:Cajungal3@aol.com). Please note my name change from Daisy Smith Davis to Daisy Smith Horman. I was widowed twice but now again happily married to Ed Horman, a retired nurse from Iowa. We enjoy travel and grandparenting 19 grandchildren between us. Many birthday and Christmas presents!”

**Jackie Henry Terrell ‘67:** “I am currently site manager for a research site. We do clinical trials for drug companies in a doctor’s office. I have been in research for more than ten years now. We do internal medicine and rheumatology trials. I do like the variety of work. Charity taught me how to work very hard and I have not forgotten the training.”

Jackie provided some info about some of her classmates who’ve lost touch in hopes someone might be able to track them down. “**Beverly Kaffler Hofferber** was living in Washington State. She had four girls and her husband was a hospital administrator in Spokane. **Ernestine Kasshoff Burrell** used to hear from her on a regular basis. **Lynda Keene** died back in the early 60s or 70s. We were both in Houston and, as I understand it, she died suddenly of an aneurysm of the brain. **Margaret Stanton Paschal** was in Sarasota, but we haven’t had any contact with her (even though I am from the next county in Florida).”

**Mary Doucet ‘72:** “After years in hospital nursing I went to work for Public Health - I’ve been there 27 years and am currently the nursing supervisor at the Vermillion Parish Health Unit in Abbeville. For the past 13 years I’ve also worked part-time at local nursing homes and plan to continue that once I retire. My Charity training prepared me well for a good life as well as employment.”

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# A Little History Before Farewell

By Georga Helmer '79

It is with great sadness that we face the possibility of bidding a fond farewell to Charity Hospital in New Orleans. I devoted many years there, and like all who trained or worked there, have many fond memories. I found some interesting history about the hospital and wanted to share it.

Charity was opened in May 1736, which made it the second oldest continuing public hospital in the U.S. (The oldest was Bellevue which opened in March of 1736.) It was initially called "L'Hospitales Pauvres de la Charite" - Hospital for the Poor.

In 1834, after being chased by pirates for seven hours, the Daughters of Charity arrived and eventually assumed control of the hospital. In 1939, the sixth and current building opened. At 2,680 beds it was boasted to be the second largest hospital in the U.S.

Before succumbing to Katrina, this institution has withstood the amazing history of Louisiana including epidemics, wars, storms, pirates and politics.

Remarkable dedication of Sisters, doctors, nurses and administrators in the most squalid of conditions is the reason Charity endured. It was all made possible thanks to Jean Louis, a French sailor and boat builder with ten thousand French "livres." His last will stated: "A sale shall be made of all that remains together with a small lot, I bequeath to serve in perpetuity to the founding of a hospital for the sick of the City of New Orleans and to secure the things necessary to succor the sick."

The seal in the hospital lobby bears an inscription that is appropriate to the seaman who gave us so much, "In this harbor weary sea worn ships drop anchor and new launched vessels start their outward trips." There is a place in my heart and a tear in my eye for the loss.

Charity Hospital  
5/10/1736 – 8/31/2005



*The LA Nurse Anesthetists PAC, in collaboration with a New Orleans artist, is offering this print commemorating Charity Hospital in New Orleans. The print measures 26" x 19" and costs \$50.00 plus \$5.00 for shipping. The poster can be ordered from: LANA PAC, c/o Georga Helmer, 30138 N. Dixie Ranch Road, Lacombe, LA 70445-3438, or email [ghelmer@bellsouth.net](mailto:ghelmer@bellsouth.net).*

## *In Memorium*

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Mabel Hebert Fischer '68 (12/1/06)  
Wendy Gourgeot '94 (9/6/06)  
Consuelo Hullkins Jones '53 (1/13/07)  
Barbara Lance Kent '59 (12/9/04)  
Wima Comeaux Kurzawa '47 (11/15/06)  
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Bridget Adler Lingoni '53 (3/26/07)  
Camelia Welsh Louque '49 (3/30/07)  
Elaine Landry Martin '47 (12/4/06)  
Patricia Powers McGinnis '59 (9/2/05)  
Marguerite Wilson McLelland '39 (12/23/03)  
Lambert Joseph Morales '01 (10/14/06)  
Jane Weibly Netters '72 (3/07)  
Helen Peters Olivier '54 (3/9/07)  
Barbara Ellis Parker '66  
Nelwyn Zeringue Smith '61 (12/1/06)  
Charles Taquino '91 (3/07)  
John Ashby Turner '97 (1/4/07)  
Evelyn Witt '50  
Harriet Hotard, CHSN Librarian and Honorary  
Member of the Alumni Association (1/21/07)



# Alumni News Continued

**Norma Nell Domangue Colligan '56:** "I moved to Cameron, LA, after graduating from Charity and lived there for the next 46 years. I was Cameron Parish's sole school nurse for twenty of those years. In this capacity I came to know people in every community of this sparsely populated parish. By the time Hurricane Rita leveled the parish I was retired and living in Lafayette. After the storm I was torn in two wondering where my friends were as no one at all was left in Cameron. Like the rest of the Gulf Coast we were left to wonder and wait.

Since I had written a weekly column some years back for the Cameron weekly newspaper, *The Cameron Pilot*, I wrote to the editor and asked if I could do a column titled 'Where Are They Now?' The *Pilot* is published in DeQuincy, is mailed to subscribers, and has a website where the whole paper can be accessed online. For the next 27 weeks, from November 2005 to May 2006, I wrote the personal news of the Cameron residents who were displaced by the storm. They emailed, they phoned, and they sent letters. We printed their addresses, their stories of how they spent the storm, the fate of their homes. For most of them nothing remained. They literally poured their hearts out to us via that little column. It was the most personal sharing I have ever witnessed in a newspaper. There were moments sitting at my keyboard when I felt like I was treading on sacred ground.

Somewhere between the mud and the tears I think we all drew closer together as a community - old friends reaching out across the miles every Thursday morning. We were able to keep everyone apprised of the ever-changing whereabouts of friends, and of the post-hurricane activities in the communities within the parish. You might say we walked with them in their journey toward tomorrow, which continues as I write.

When all else is lost, what is more dear than the voice of a friend or a message across the miles. I guess the old Charity nurse in me wanted to give them that."

**Jennifer C. Robinson '80:** "I was **Jennifer Hamilton** in school. After living 30 years in the New Orleans area, my husband Frank and I moved to Ann Arbor in June. I am currently doing a two-year post-

doctoral research fellowship at the University of Michigan in the Center for Health Promotion and Risk Reduction. In February 2006, I earned my PhD in Nursing at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. We aren't quite sure where we will go next, but it is almost sure to be back South!"

**Shirley Williams Langley '52:** "I am retired now and would love to hear from any of my classmates. I would love to know how the recovery is going." Contact her at P.O. Box 54, Bullard, TX 75757.

**Bette Williamson '49:** "I have never been sorry for one minute I spent in nurse's training. It prepared me for *life* in a way that nothing else could do. I feel my training led me to a healthy lifestyle and enabled me to relate to others in a special way. May God bless and keep all Charity grads."

**Rita Gloria Lopez '47:** "I am now working part-time at Our Lady of the Lake RMC in Baton Rouge and am the oldest RN on their payroll. CHSN has a great reputation. In 1975 I was hired without hesitation after a 15-year hiatus to rear my children. The interviewer ended with 'I knew I would hire you when I saw you were a Charity graduate.' I was prepared for anything. Should any of my former classmates wish to contact me, they can email me at [ritalopez@cox.net](mailto:ritalopez@cox.net).

**William F. Borne '79,** CEO of Amedysis Home Health, was Gala chairman for the Our Lady of the Lake Foundation's 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary gala with Grammy Award-winning country music artist Clint Black on March 22 at the Baton Rouge River Center.

An article by **Patricia Egers, Campus Provost and Dean of Nursing of Delgado Community College**, describing the heroic efforts by the faculty and staff to keep Charity School of Nursing open and students in classes in the months following Hurricane Katrina, was the front page article in December 2006 issue of *The Pelican News*, published by the Louisiana State Nurses Association.

*Some alumni have specifically asked that we print their contact information, but we can't print everyone's address. Write or email the Alumni Office if you wish to contact any of your old friends or classmates and we will provide what information we have.* ☐



# Reunion News

## Class of 1949

Since Katrina cancelled our plans in '05, the 8-12-46 class will try to attend the Alumni Breakfast on June 9. If you will be able to come, please contact:

RoseJeanne Buccola  
101 Seven Oaks Ct  
Destrehan, LA 70047  
985-764-6555

She will get back to all those interested in attending.

## Class of 1957

By now you should have received information regarding activities to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. If you have not received this info, please contact:

Joan Macpherson Guccione  
504-944-8096

We're looking forward to seeing everyone!

## Class of 1967

A Sunday Jazz Brunch and other events (as well as plenty of visiting time) are in the works for the Class of '67 on the weekend of June 9. You don't want to miss any of it, so contact:

Beverly Chapoton  
504 469-1942 (home) or  
504-554-2020 (cell).

## Class of 1997

It's only been ten years, but why should we wait? Let's all get together at the Alumni Breakfast on June 9! Call up a friend, and make a date to meet there. Remember your nursing school days and all the fun we had! ☐

# Please Help Us Find These Lost Alumni

*It's reunion year for the following classes but some alumni have not kept us informed of their address changes. If you can help us locate any of the following "lost alumni," or if you want to help plan a reunion for your class, please contact the Alumni Office: 504-568-6372 or [csnalumni@dcc.edu](mailto:csnalumni@dcc.edu)*

## Class of 1949

Carmen Harbour Albach  
Robbie Summer Bailey  
Lorettaarea Cayard  
Rose Fowler  
Agnes Courtney Franz  
Dolores Vasquez Malmquist

## Class of 1957

Winifred Witte Burke  
Patricia Caillouet  
Janet Loporto  
Laurie Davis McCraney  
Alma Dillon Robinson  
E. Charlene Amis Thomas  
Margaret Vanderdray

## Class of 1961

Emma Jean Barker  
Carol Medina Cracco  
Lena Stone Garvin  
Joan Poole Hickman  
Wanda Stanley Hinkle  
Astrid Elspeth Hunter  
Julie Sandra Moore Jones  
Lula Thompson Kurtz  
Polly Wyrosdick McCaw  
Betty Reed

## Class of 1967

Carolyn Overturf Baize  
Susan Theriot Dominique  
Earline Foret Gadow  
Paula Parrish Hawkins  
Cassandra Stokes Hite  
Beverly Kaffler Hofferber  
Emily Sansbury Mulkey  
Margaret Stanton Paschal  
Lesley Daigle Plastere  
Janice Stone Prater  
Bonnie Fontenot Pratt  
Marilyn Vinci  
Bonnie Glover Wollums

## Class of 1972

Annette White Angeron  
Alice Carmouche Benoit  
Marilyn Bourgeois Branciere  
Karlene Burgoon  
Nova Deloach Chapuis  
Deborah Bacon Covington  
Nona Dubea  
Linda Lemmons Genthe  
Agatha Authement King  
Ruth Lewis Lyerly  
Penny Rutledge Nobles  
Cherry Thomas Pfau  
V. Kay Guillory Pittman  
Judith Swanson Scott  
Mary Lewis Simmons  
Virginia Smith  
Barbara Melancon Stafford  
Sharyn Burke Sullivan  
Patricia Rieder Susen  
Ida Swafford  
Kathleen Palmisano  
Thompson  
Linda Sibley Ward  
Andrea Stuckart Welb  
Dorothy Fannin Wilson

## Class of 1997

Diane Crist Aldridge  
Anthony Amadeo  
Stacey Martinez Bailie  
Deborah Bibbins  
Amanda Mossman  
Bonnette  
Darlene Boudreaux  
Suzanne Sinclair Carpenter  
Denise Guedry Charters  
Paula Derbes  
Brenda Sue Fernandez  
Karen Farnsworth Franklin  
Angela Fruge Gautreaux  
Kimberly Kidder Gettys  
Denise Case Gilbert  
Schilacy Hall  
Jonathan Hamm  
Evelyn Harris  
Wendy Hubbell  
Krisden Wells Huggett  
Michelle Barbier Jiron  
Clarence Jones  
Roseann Key  
Tammie Parker Lala  
Danneel Miller Larkin  
Elizabeth Famiglio Liebert  
Florence Logrande  
Kelley Murray Mandella  
Ralph Marchese  
Michelle Matthews  
Michele Mayeaux  
Renee Morris  
Sherrie Mullet  
Tamla Thomas Pierre  
Becky Brown Porter  
Lydia Hornsby Quirk  
Leona Reed  
Lisa Duskin Rohilliard  
Nicole Hawco Roux  
Martha Swift  
Marion Gullage Walls  
Gina Romano Ward  
Barbara Warren  
Stacey Lofton-White  
Paulette Williams  
Terry Wooley



*Alumni President  
Suzy Andry '59  
addresses the alumni  
at Homecoming 2006.*





Dennis and Lynel Pinkozie, Class of '73, enjoying the Alumni Luncheon in February 2007.

# Alumni Breakfast

## Saturday, June 9

Wyndham New Orleans Hotel at Canal Place  
Canal Street at the River, Entrance at 100 Rue Iberville  
On-Site Self-Parking in Canal Place Parking Garage

Join with friends & classmates for a scrumptious buffet and enjoy a spectacular view of the City & the River!  
Cash Bar opens at 9:00am, Buffet opens at 10:00am.

**Price \$33.00**

BREAKFAST BUFFET MENU: Seasonal Fruit & Berries, Yogurts, Assorted Cereals & Granola, Breakfast Bakeries, Scrambled Eggs with Herbs, Bacon, Link Sausage, Lyonnaise Potatoes, Southern Grits, Juices, Freshly Brewed Coffee & De-Caff, The Wyndham Tea Selection

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_  
First name Maiden/graduating name Last name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code

### CHARITY ALUMNI BREAKFAST Saturday, June 9, 2007

Wyndham New Orleans at Canal Place. Deadline for reservations is June 4, 2007.

Please reserve for me: HOW MANY? \_\_\_\_\_ Breakfasts @ \$33 each..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### 🕒 Time to Renew Your Membership! 🕒

Annual Membership Dues:

- ☐ \$15 Regular Membership
- ☐ \$25 Blue Ribbon Membership
- ☐ \$50 Silver Star Membership/year
- ☐ \$100 Sister Stanislaus Membership
- ☐ Sustaining Membership: a one-time gift of \$500

White Cap Fund Contribution.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Alumni Fund Contribution.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Scholarship Fund Contribution.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

CHSN Afghan @ \$55 each.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
CHSN Mailbox Bank @ \$84 each...\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Prices include shipping.

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR (Page Total) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

✍ Make checks to: CHSN Alumni Association ✍

✉ Mail to: 450 S. Claiborne Ave., New Orleans, LA 70112-1310 ✉



# Interested in Becoming a Nurse Educator ?

Your alma mater needs you!

Charity School of Nursing has received grant funding for 10 Masters of Science in Nursing scholarships for RNs to become nurse educators.

If you have a Bachelors Degree in Nursing and are interested in obtaining a MSN to become a nurse educator, contact Donita Qualey at 504-568-5624 or [dquale@dcc.edu](mailto:dquale@dcc.edu) for more information.

## Scholarships Available!

### CHSNAA

Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association  
450 South Claiborne Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70112  
Alumni Office 504-568-6372  
CSN Fax 504-568-5494 [csnalumni@dcc.edu](mailto:csnalumni@dcc.edu)

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## Alumni Breakfast

**Saturday, June 9**

Reservation Form on Page 11.



*Homecoming 2007 Sunday Brunch: (top) Roll Call of Classes; (bottom) Sandra Owens Robert '56, Virgis Verret Boudreaux '56, Goldie Baker Huguenel '56.*





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# ALUMNI NEWS

## Fall 2007

Charity School of Nursing, 450 South Claiborne Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70112  
Alumni Office 504-571-1395 [csnalbumni@dcc.edu](mailto:csnalbumni@dcc.edu) CSN Fax 504-568-5494

## From the President

I am up early and sitting on my porch, waiting for the sun to peek over the houses across the waterway. Living here on the water was one of my "things to do before I die" list. (Next, a convertible.) Coffee in one hand, my pen in the other, I'm reminded that the small pleasures in life are often the sweetest.

Two years ago my world seemed to have shattered. I truly wondered if I would ever find happiness again. But here I sit, and I've found it. And truth be told, I probably would not be sitting here at water's edge, doing what I'd longed to do, if I had not been tossed out of the hammock. Comfort zones are comfortable because they are familiar. Sometimes we forget that they can also be confining.

Inertia is the tendency of a body to continue what it's doing. If it's moving, it tends to keep moving. If it's sitting still, it is very likely to stay where it is.

Classes at Charity used to be identified using the date of graduation. Mine was 9-10-59. This simple combination of numbers brings memories of a hundred young women (at the time, no men) rushing into medicine - attempting to learn everything, be everything possible, and usher the world along with us.

One of the great joys I've had in these past few years is having the opportunity to meet so many of the current Charity students. And I see the same fervor in today's students.

It's sometimes hard to accept change. Many of us were devastated when Charity Hospital School of Nursing was severed from the hospital. But Delgado College embraced our orphaned alma mater and gave it new life and support. Now the walls of our school ring with the voices of new generations and echo with their dreams - just as it echoed with ours.

What a scandal it seemed when men enrolled! Yet few would argue that hasn't brought a new dimension, and some great nurses, to our profession.

Remember when you couldn't be married and go to Charity? It seems incredible now as students in their 40s and even 50s, many having finished raising their children, are enrolling. But there was a time when mature and seasoned individuals would be denied this opportunity.

I've heard many 'older' nurses complain that the new graduates aren't getting as good an education as we did.

Well, I think it's a different kind of education. The requirements for nurses these days - from the explosion of new drugs, to complex technology, to JCAHO standards - are hardly fathomable to some of us 'old girls.' Maybe now more than ever, nursing school is just the beginning of their education. Which means we, the 'old guard', have a responsibility. To mentor, to guide, to assist. To nurture these butterflies - whose wings are still damp and folded fresh from the cocoon. To protect them as they find their spot in the sun.

Maybe they will never be the nurses we were, but is that what we want? With our help, they might be twice as good as we ever could have been. What a triumph that would be!

If I've only learned one thing in this mighty trip of life, it's that Charity nurses are so smart! Don't ever stop being proud of your education, your school, your profession. Each of you is amazing - whether you are working or retired, walking the midnight hallways, or pounding the computer keys. The great, often silent, graduates who are somewhere, and everywhere, busy making a difference in daily lives.

This is my last letter to you. Thank you for this brief period of time in my life when I could proudly say, "I'm president of the Charity nurses alumni - 7,000 strong."

It's been wonderful. It's been hard. It's been fun. Thanks for the memories. Thanks for the future.

Always and ever,

*Suzy Hooks Andry '59*

President, CHSNAA





# Greetings from the Executive Director



The Alumni Association is now back on schedule regarding voting for a new slate of officers. Included in this publication is the first ballot since 2004!

It has been a long time, I know, but the Association needed stability in a time of so much upheaval, and I think it has been reassuring to have experienced officers and board members at our helm. Now, however, it is time for us to elect new leaders.

## **Please Vote!!!!**

The ballot is in this newsletter - including bios of the nominees. Be sure to vote for two board members and two nominating committee members. Mail in your ballot as soon as possible, because we must receive it in the office by December 15, 2007, to be counted.

## **New Phone Number**

We now have new telephone numbers for the School of Nursing. The General Information telephone number is **504-571-1270**. The Alumni Office telephone number is **504-571-1395**. The fax number is still the same, 504-568-5494.

## **Transcripts**

Diploma graduates requesting copies of transcripts should send their request in writing along with a check/money order for \$5.00 to Charity School of Nursing. The transcript will be mailed within 3-4 days. You can receive one-day service by sending \$10.00 and a prepaid envelope for delivery. It helps the Records Office a lot if you include all your names (especially your last name when you entered nursing school and your name when you graduated, if it was different). If you were married more than one time please include all your married names.

Associate Degree graduates should send their request to the Delgado Registrar's Office on the City Park campus, or make your request online at [www.dcc.edu](http://www.dcc.edu). It's very easy, and you can pay online.

## **Alumni Luncheon**

The 2008 Alumni Luncheon is scheduled for February 23rd at the Sheraton in Metairie (next door to the Galleria). The reservation form is on page 5. Don't let it get lost in the holiday madness - mail it in today! I look forward to seeing you all in February.

## **Thank you, Suzy**

I don't know how many of you realize that Suzy Andy '59 has been President of the Alumni Association for five years. The Board of Directors asked her to stay on as President during some very difficult times for her, for the school, and for the Alumni Association.

With the storm, Suzy lost three houses and her familiar way of life. Over these past two years she moved five times until she was finally able to settle into her current (and hopefully permanent!) home. Yet Suzy still continued to serve as our president. That was not easy.

During this time, Suzy oversaw the challenge of our Homecoming Celebration as it was planned, cancelled, planned again, and finally presented, with incredible strength and grace. It was a first-class event, and Suzy insisted that it be just that.

Communication with our members continued as we struggled to rebuild our mailing list after so many alumni were scattered across the country. Suzy shared her own thoughts and feelings through the newsletters and The White Cap, and inspired alumni to find each other and stay in touch.

We have made great strides in connecting with current students through Suzy's pet project of providing a breakfast for incoming freshmen and a lunch for graduating seniors every semester. Suzy has been there every time, pouring coffee or serving sandwiches, and encouraging future membership in our Alumni Association.

Suzy, there is no way that I can say enough about how much I appreciate what you have done. You kept the Alumni Association on its feet and moving forward. You never missed a beat, and the sureness of your step kept us all on track. You are our heart and our hero.

**How many ways can we say thank you?** We are alive and well!

*Doris Burvant*

Executive Director

## Scholarship Winner Selected

**Laura Sylve-Wilson** was selected to receive the Marie Garcia Roach Alumni Association Scholarship. The \$500 award is available to third-year students.

Laura is a single mother "trying to make a better life for my son." Laura holds an Associates degree in management and works full-time to put herself through school. She lost her home in Katrina, and she and her son are currently living with her parents. Laura will be part of the first Evening Division class to graduate from Charity in May 2008. ☺



# School of Nursing Travels to London and Paris

Delgado's Charity School of Nursing Continuing Education Program traveled to Europe this summer to study nursing and health care in Europe, London and Paris. Thirty-nine faculty, administration, students, alumni, friends and family all participated.

Besides visiting the usual tourist destinations in London and Paris, the group visited sites of interest in healthcare and nursing.

In London, the group visited the Florence Nightingale Museum, located in conjunction with St. Thomas Hospital in the center of London. Our group was able to view many of Ms. Nightingale's original works, papers, instruments, clothing and memorabilia, in addition to a graphic display of her life and accomplishments.

In Paris, we visited La Pitie'-Salpetriere, the largest hospital in Europe. This public assistance hospital is located in the city and has a large campus that includes not only the acute care hospital, but also rehabilitation, a historical medical library, a medical school and a nursing school. We were also able to meet current nursing students. We were fascinated to find that the medical library included original works by Sigmund Freud, Pinel and others.

Plans are underway for a trip to Italy next summer to study nursing and healthcare in that country. If you are interested in participating, call Donita Qualey at 504-571-1342 or [dquale@dcc.edu](mailto:dquale@dcc.edu), or check out the information on page 4 of this newsletter. ☞

## CSN Students Honored

Three CSN students at the NAC 1 level were honored at the Louisiana Association of Student Nurses (LASN) state convention held in New Orleans in September.

**Victoria Johnson** was elected as Vice-President of LASN. **Kacie Thibodaux** was elected state Historian. **Melissa Snow**, the Charity Association of Student Nurses (CASN) President, was selected to receive a state scholarship. ☞



Students, alumni, faculty and friends toured the Nightingale Museum in London this past summer.

## Alumni News & Notes

**Rosemary Hathorn Holmes '62:** Rosemary spent three years on active duty in the Air Force Nurse Corps. She is now retired after 22 years with the Air Force Reserves with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

**Anna Darcey Gnade '46:** "Thank you for the memorable Homecoming 2006. On the evening at the D-Day museum - all the ladies in their 40s clothes, nurse uniforms, caps and capes was a sight to behold! So many memories! It was a dream come true for many of us who live out of town and read about the devastation of Katrina, and heard the stories of old friends who lost so much, especially the yearbooks and photos and mementoes of Charity Hospital and the nurses' residence. To lose Charity Hospital is sad - I remember it being built when I was a child. I'm so grateful to the Cadet Nurse Corps for giving me the opportunity to become a nurse. I made so many new friends at the nurses' residence, including the excellent teachers, house mothers, doctors, etc."

**William F. Borne '79,** CEO of the Baton Rouge-based home health specialist Amedisys, Inc., announced the acquisition of Dyna Care Health Ventures, a deal which will expand Amedisys' presence into five states.

More Alumni News and Notes on pages 4 and 6




# Alumni News & Notes

**Linda Polo '72:** "I am still practicing as an Infection Control Director at St. Tammany Parish Hospital. I was at Chalmette Medical Center for 25 years and of course that hospital went down with the storm. Arty and I had three children and we have one grandchild who will be one soon."

**Krista Gilbert Marz '97,** president of the local chapter of AACN, was part of the committee hosting the national AACN President and President-elect on their visit to New Orleans in January 2006. The visitors met with nurses in the New Orleans area who talked about personal and professional challenges they continue to face since Katrina, including post-traumatic distress and a devastated local health care system.

**Doris Sinotte '98:** Doris is the obstetrics inpatient clinical director of the Family Birthplace at West Jefferson Medical Center in Marrero, LA. The unit was named 2007 Best Nursing Team Runner-Up by *Advance for Nurses*. Since the storms of 2005, the Family Birthplace staff has been challenged as their community needs have grown, including a significant increase in the number of obstetrics patients and increasing complexity of patients' needs. "The nurses here are so deserving of this recognition," says Doris.

**Dale Eppling '68:** "The Class of 1968 is planning their 40<sup>th</sup> reunion to coincide with the June 2008 Breakfast. If you have contact with any of our classmates, please send their names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses to: Betty Hebert at [richardhebert@charter.net](mailto:richardhebert@charter.net). We will finalize our reunion plans at the February 23, 2008." 



Cost: \$3,500 for Travel  
(approximate)

Register by December 1 to guarantee pricing.  
(Spouses, children over age 10 & friends welcome.)

CSN CE fee: \$100

Includes 5 hours of nursing continuing education contact hours.

Fee includes: Round trip airfare; nine overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; full European breakfast daily; dinner daily; full-time professional Tour Director; guided sightseeing tours and city walks; excursion to Pisa, Sorrento, Pompeii and the Blue Grotto on the Isle of Capri on the Amalfi Coast; Tour Diary.

Charity School of Nursing Continuing Education  
Department  
presents

## Continuing Nursing Education in **ITALY**

June 4-14, 2008

Travel arranged through Explorica, Inc., a leading tour facilitator of educational tours. Besides touring the usual sites throughout Italy (Rome, Florence, Venice, Verona, Assisi, Sorrento, Pompeii), continuing education presentations will include healthcare in Europe and Italy, visiting the medical museum at La Sapienza University in Rome and La Colombaia (the villa where Florence Nightingale was born) in Florence.

For More Information:

Call Donita Qualey at 504-571-1342, [dquale@dcc.edu](mailto:dquale@dcc.edu)  
or go to:

<http://www.myexplorica.com/Qualey-134>

To register online, click the red "Sign Me Up" button and follow the instructions from there.





Charity Hospital School of Nursing

# Alumni Luncheon

Saturday, February 23, 2008

Sheraton Metairie-New Orleans Hotel

4 Galleria Blvd in Metairie

(Next to the Galleria at S. Causeway and I-10)

504-837-6707 Free parking!!

Registration/Cash Bar opens at 10:30am,  
Luncheon served at 11:30am

Cost: \$28.00 per person

A TUSCAN BUFFET: Chicken Marsala with wild mushrooms; Eggplant Parmesan layered with tomatoes and mozzarella; Antipasto Salad with salami, artichoke hearts, Italian olive salad and tomatoes; Ceasar Salad with romaine, parmesan and creamy dressing; Pasta Alfredo; Chocolate Mousse; Tiramisu Cheese Cake; Iced Tea, Coffee

## CHSNAA Alumni Luncheon Reservation Form

We must receive your reservation by February 18, 2008, to guarantee your seating.

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First name Maiden/graduating name Last name

Class of: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I'll See You at the Luncheon:

Total number of people \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$28 each.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bringing a Guest? Please give us the name for their Name Tag  
\_\_\_\_\_

I Want to Renew my  
Annual Membership Dues:

- ☐ \$15 Regular Membership
- ☐ \$25 Blue Ribbon Membership\*
- ☐ \$50 Silver Star Membership\*
- ☐ \$100 Sr. Stanislaus Membership\*
- ☐ Sustaining Membership: a one-time gift of \$500 (and you never pay dues again).\*

\*Members at these levels receive  
a personalized CHSNAA pocket planner.

I Want to Contribute to:

The White Cap Fund.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
The Alumni Fund.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
The Scholarship Fund.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: Enclosed is my check for.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to, and mail to: CHSN Alumni Association, 450 S. Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70112



# Alumni News & Notes

**Debra Gautreau '72**, the Ascension Parish public school system school nurse coordinator, was named the 2007 Louisiana School Nurse of the Year by the Louisiana School Nurses Association. The award honors excellence in school nursing, and noted Debra's efforts to gain respect for nurses within the school system. Debra joined the school system in 1987, and became the coordinator just ten days before Hurricane Katrina. "I got indoctrinated by fire," says Debra.

**Kathleen Hyzy '92**: "I'm getting a Wisconsin license so I can volunteer to be a camp nurse in June for a week. I continue to be proud of my nursing school, and I cherish the memories from those days. I still see my instructors (especially Mrs. Pittman!) when I am working with patients, and I feel so blessed to have been a part of the Charity family. What a wonderful institution! The last reunion was amazing, too, at the WWII museum. I was so proud to be part of that. Keep up the wonderful work!"

**June Whiting Slaughter '38**: "My mother graduated from Charity Hospital School of Nursing in 1938, writes Claudia S. Campbell. My sister, daughter and I (all nurses, too) were lucky enough to accompany her to the 60th reunion of her class in 1998. There were 5 or 6 other graduates from Mother's class there and we had a ball listening to their tales of how nursing was 'way back when.' (Treatment for syphilis included the 'hot box' and raising the body temperature up to 110 plus!)

We all had a wonderful time and enjoyed meeting her classmates and their families. It was such a special time for all of us.

This year, on June 14th, my mother celebrated her 90th birthday with a wonderful garden party complete with a band and barbecue. It was held at the old family home in the Alabama countryside where she and my father raised five children.

Her entire family, all five children and their spouses, 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren, plus friends and neighbors amounting up to 130 guests came to celebrate! Mother even received a Resolution



## Pix from the Past

*Nursing students check their mailboxes in the old dorm. Can you identify them and the year this photo was taken? Send your guesses to the Alumni Office.*

from the State of Alabama commending her for her outstanding professional and community achievements.

She danced with all the men in the family and they cut in on each other to get a

dance with MawMaw! A video of many times of her life was presented to the gathering. Of special note was her time spent in New Orleans at Charity Hospital. She was young and beautiful and she still has that glow!

Mother has told us many stories throughout our lives, reliving her years at school. We thought you'd like to know how much Charity has meant to her throughout the years."

**Marjorie Franzen Wilson '70** is in the Navy Reserves and was deployed to Germany in October. She would like to know about any other alumni who have served in this war. Let us hear from you, military nurses! ✉

## IN MEMORIAM

Mary Thompson Abraham '59 (8/31/07)

Freda Alford Bennett '57 (2007)

Marilyn Bourgeois Branciere '72

Cornelia Long Christensen '47 (5/31/07)

Nona Dubea '72

Glenda Haydel Folse '72

Sarah Williamson Geer '47 (1/11/07)

Corinne Carmouche Loisel '68 (9/07)

Lenora Adams Marascalco '56 (6/28/07)

Ralph Marchese, Jr. '97

Richard McCurdy, Jr. '04 (5/5/07)

Jane Weekly Nettles '72

Sheila Bourgeois Osiecki '58 (7/28/07)

Louise Wilson Patrick '49 (7/7/07)

Marie St. Clair '40 (8/23/06)

Kathy Savage '72 (2006)

Ada Colley Strickland '47 (2/23/06)

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# Proposed Constitutional and By-Laws Changes

These are proposed changes to the CHSNAA constitution and by-laws as approved by the Board on October 8, 2007. Most of the changes are to clarify or simplify. The passages to be changed are in italics, followed by the proposed change and rationale. These changes will be voted on by the active members in attendance at the luncheon/annual meeting on February 23, 2008. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but wish to comment on any of the proposed changes, please contact the Alumni Office and your views will be represented.

## Constitution

### Article IV, Section 1

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting shall be held *following the Luncheon* on a date established by the Board of Directors.

CHANGE TO: An annual meeting shall be held in the first quarter of the calendar year, on a date set by the Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: establish that meeting be held in first quarter of year; remove requirement that meeting must follow a luncheon.

### Section 2

*Regular Meetings*: At least two *regular* meetings of the association shall be held each year. The annual meeting may be one of the two *regular* meetings.

CHANGE TO: Membership Meetings: At least two membership meetings of the Association shall be held each year. The annual meeting may be one of the two membership meetings.

RATIONALE: clarification, consistency in terms.

### Section 5

Notice of Meetings: Notice of all *regular* meetings and special meetings of the association shall be sent to all active members. Notices shall include a statement of the *main* purpose of the meeting.

CHANGE TO: Notice of Meetings: Notice of all membership meetings and special meetings of the Association shall be sent to active members. Notices for special meetings shall include a statement of the purpose of the meeting.

RATIONALE: clarification, consistency in terms.

## By-Laws

### Article I, Section 1

The annual membership dues of \$15.00 shall be paid *to the treasurer by January 31st of each year* and shall cover the calendar year.

CHANGE TO: Membership dues of a minimum of \$15.00 annually shall be paid to the Association and shall cover the calendar year.

RATIONALE: clarification, remove date limit.

DELETE: *Section 2. Members who have been dropped for non-payment of dues may be reinstated by payment of dues or the current year before September 30.*

RATIONALE: deemed unnecessary.

### Section 3.

Dues paid on or after October 1 shall be applied to the next calendar year.

ADD: These alumni shall be considered active members.

RATIONALE: clarification.

### Article II

TITLE OF SECTION: *Officers*

CHANGE TO: Board of Directors

RATIONALE: clarification.

### Section 1

*Names and Titles of Officers*: The elected officers of this association shall be a president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and four board members.

CHANGE TO: Board of Directors: The elected, voting members of the Board of Directors of the Association shall be a president, secretary, treasurer, the chairman of the Nominating Committee, and four board members.

In addition the board shall include, in odd-numbered years, the president-elect and, in even-numbered years, the President Emeritus (past president).

RATIONALE: clarification; include President Emeritus as voting member.

### Section 5

DELETE: *The board of directors shall consist of the president, the president-elect, the secretary, the treasurer, four elected board members, and the chairman of the Nominating Committee.*

RATIONALE: redundant.

### Section 5

Ex-officio members, having no voting privileges, shall consist of *Nominating Committee*, executive director, and past presidents.

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CHANGE TO: Ex-officio members shall consist of the executive director and past presidents, and shall have no voting privileges.

RATIONALE: reflect change of Nominating Committee to standing committee.

## Section 2

Election of *officers and the Nominating Committee* shall be *held* by ballot mailed to active members of the association at least two months prior to the annual meeting.

CHANGE TO: Election of the Board of Directors shall be made by ballots mailed to active members of the Association at least two months prior to the annual meeting.

RATIONALE: reflect change of Nominating Committee to standing committee; consistency in terms.

## Section 3, D

All terms of office shall commence with the adjournment of the annual *January* meeting.

CHANGE TO: All terms of office shall commence with the adjournment of the annual meeting.

RATIONALE: reflect change made in Article IV, Section 1.

ADD: All outgoing members of the Board of Directors must reconcile all their responsibilities at the end of their term of office.

RATIONALE: clarification.

## Section 3, E

*Elected officers and board members* may serve more than one term of office.

CHANGE TO: Members of the Board of Directors may be re-elected an unlimited number of times.

RATIONALE: clarification.

DELETE: *Section 3, F. Any member filling an unexpired term for longer than one year shall be considered to have served one term.*

RATIONALE: deemed unnecessary.

## Section 4, B

*If a vacancy occurs after election*, a letter of resignation is required.

CHANGE TO: If a member of the Board of Directors resigns after election, a letter of resignation is required.

RATIONALE: clarification.

## Section 4, C

*An officer or board member* who misses more than two board meetings may be asked to resign.

CHANGE TO: A member of the Board of Directors who misses more than two board meetings may be asked to resign.

RATIONALE: clarification, consistency in terms.

## Section 6

President: The president shall preside at *all alumni and board meetings. The president shall be a member, ex-officio, of all committees, except the nominating committee.*

CHANGE TO: The president shall preside at all meeting of the Association and of the Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: clarification; redundant.

## Section 8, D

The secretary shall: *send* a copy of the minutes of board meetings to each board member. *Originals to be filed in Alumni Office.*

CHANGE TO: Provide a copy of the minutes of board meetings to each member of the Board of Directors.

File originals of minutes in the Alumni Office.

RATIONALE: clarification.

DELETE: *Section 8, C. The secretary shall: Present a written report at the annual meeting.*

RATIONALE: deemed unnecessary.

## Section 9, B

The treasurer shall: Maintain separate records for *White Cap and Alumni Fund* contributions and *submit computer list to Executive Director by March 1st for recognition in the White Cap.*

CHANGE TO: Maintain separate records for dedicated fund contributions.

RATIONALE: clarification; reflect current practice.

## Section 9, C

*Reconcile debts associated with Annual Meeting.*

CHANGE TO: Account for the expenditures of the Association.

RATIONALE: clarification; reflect current practice.

## Section 9, D

Pay bills approved by the *president*.

CHANGE TO: Present expenditures for approval to the Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: clarification.

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# Proposed Constitutional and By-Laws Changes

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## Section 10, F

The board of directors shall:

Notify the Nominating Committee at the *Spring Board Meeting* of offices to be filled.

CHANGE TO: Notify the Nominating Committee of offices to be filled.

RATIONALE: more generalized description.

## Article III, Section 2, A

The Executive Director shall:

2. prepare *anniversary and lifetime* certificates.

CHANGE TO: prepare certificates awarded by the Association.

RATIONALE: more generalized description.

## Article III, Section 2, A

3. *assure preparation of name tags for members at meetings.*

4. *secure mailing labels of members.*

5. *maintain adequate stationery supplies, membership cards, etc.*

CHANGE TO: maintain supplies for office

RATIONALE: more generalized description.

## Article III, Section 2, A

6. *maintain and update alumni records (computer and file cards).*

CHANGE TO: maintain and update alumni records and databases.

RATIONALE: more generalized description.

## Article III, Section 2, A

DELETE: 7. *update alumni directory.*

RATIONALE: reflect current practice.

## Article III, Section 2, B

ADD: 4. assist President in coordinating board meetings.

RATIONALE: reflect current practice.

## Article III, Section 2, B

5. present *state of alumni report at alumni* and board meetings.

CHANGE TO: present a report at membership and Board meetings.

RATIONALE: consistency.

## 4. *hold ballots*

CHANGE TO: receive and secure election ballots.

RATIONALE: clarification.

## 6. *plan for registration at alumni activities*

CHANGE TO: coordinate membership meetings and activities.

RATIONALE: more generalized description.

7. *serve as editor of the White Cap to be mailed to all alumni by April 15th.*

8. *serve as editor of the Newsletter with ballots to be mailed to active members by November 15th.*

CHANGE TO:

7. edit and coordinate all Association mailings and publications.

8. coordinate publication and mailing of The White Cap within the first half of the calendar year.

9. coordinate publication and mailing of the alumni newsletter within the last quarter of the calendar year.

10. coordinate the mailing of the election ballot to all active members of the Association no less than two months before the Annual Meeting.

RATIONALE: clarification; remove specific dates.

## Article III

### Section 2, D

1. participate in the recruitment of *Level IV* students into the *alumni*.

CHANGE TO: participate in the recruitment of students into the Association.

RATIONALE: more generalized description.

3. notify students of the alumni scholarships and the *need to apply to the scholarship committee.*

CHANGE TO: notify students of alumni scholarships and the application process.

RATIONALE: clarification.

### Section 2, E

ADD: may represent Association on college committees.

RATIONALE: reflects current practice.

## Article III, Section 1

### *Committee Appointments:*

CHANGE TO: Standing Committees:

RATIONALE: clarification.

ADD: Standing committees shall include, but are not limited to: a nominating committee, and a scholarship committee.

RATIONALE: reflect change of Nominating Committee to standing committee.

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## Proposed Constitutional and By-Laws Changes

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Article III, Section 1, B

*Constitution and by-laws, membership, and scholarship: The committee members shall elect a chairman.*

CHANGE TO: Standing committee members shall elect a chairman of the committee, with the exception of the Nominating Committee, whose chairman is elected by the Association and is a member of the Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: simplification; reflect change of Nominating Committee to standing committee.

DELETE: *B. The nominating committee shall consist of four elected active members.*

RATIONALE: to change Nominating Committee to standing committee.

This committee shall:

ADD: 1. Recruit nominees.

RATIONALE: clarification of duties.

2. *Prepare* a ballot containing *at least two nominees* for each position to be filled.

CHANGE TO: Submit to the board a slate of nominees for each position to be filled.

RATIONALE: clarification.

ADD: 7. Notify nominees of election results prior to the Annual Meeting.

RATIONALE: clarification of duties.

D, 5. The president of the association or the president-elect shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

CHANGE TO: The president of the association or the president-elect shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees.

RATIONALE: clarification.

Article III, Section 2

ADD: Ad Hoc committees shall include, but are not limited to: a Constitution and By-Laws committee.

RATIONALE: more generalized.

C. The president of the association or the president-elect shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

CHANGE TO: The president of the association or the president-elect shall be an ex-officio member of all Ad Hoc committees.

RATIONALE: clarification.

DELETE ALL: *Section 7. Membership Committee*

RATIONALE: reflects current practice that Membership is not a standing committee.

DELETE: *Section 2. Elections: Two nominating committee members are elected annually by the membership. Section 3. Term of Office: Elected committee members shall serve for a two-year term.*

RATIONALE: to change Nominating Committee to standing committee.

DELETE: *Appointed committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the board.*

RATIONALE: unnecessary.

Article V, Section 2

A. Elections shall be *broken* by plurality vote. A tie will be broken by a vote of the *active members at the annual* meeting.

CHANGE TO: Elections shall be made by plurality vote. A tie will be resolved by a vote of the active members present at the annual meeting.

RATIONALE: clarification.

B. The *voting* members of the association shall receive a *list of nominees for election* and a biographical sketch of each of the *nominees with the fall newsletter mailing*.

CHANGE TO: The active members of the Association shall receive a ballot and a biographical sketch of each of the nominees no less than two months prior to the Annual Meeting.

RATIONALE: clarification; consistency.

ADD: D. Results of the election will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

RATIONALE: reflects current practice.

Article VII, Section 1

Order of Business: *Any Business Meeting:*

CHANGE TO: Any meeting of the Association and Board of Directors shall include the following:

RATIONALE: clarification.

Section 2

*Annual Meeting: As for any meeting plus annual reports of officers and standing committees.*

CHANGE TO: Annual Meetings shall also include:

A. Annual reports from the president, the treasurer, the executive director, standing committees, and Ad Hoc committees as appropriate.

B. The president shall induct newly elected members of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.

RATIONALE: clarification. 



Charity Hospital School of Nursing  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
2008 BALLOT

**DIRECTIONS:** Circle the names of the candidates of your choice. Place the ballot in the small envelope marked "BALLOT." Seal the envelope and insert it in a larger mailing envelope addressed to CHSN Alumni Association. You may send your luncheon reservation and other materials in the same mailing envelope, but please enclose only this ballot inside the BALLOT envelope. This protects the privacy of your vote.

**DEADLINE FOR VOTING:**

Ballots must be received on or before December 15, 2007, to be counted!

**SECRETARY**

**Roberta P. Bartee '66**

**BOARD MEMBERS (Vote for Two)**

**Cecile Ginger Andry '58**

**LaVonne Brown Paul '92**

**Cindy Scheyd Caron '76**

**Adrienne Poree Thomas '92**

**Pat Lindsey Mancuso '72**

**Rose-Mary Alexander White '72**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Vote for Two)**

**Lista Hank '97**

**Vivian Larkin Manes '70**

After making your selection, please place this ballot in the enclosed "BALLOT" envelope.

Mail your ballot to:

CHSN Alumni Association, 450 South Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70112



# Candidates Biographical Data

## BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES

### **CECILE GINGER ANDRY '58**

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN; BSN, LSU '64  
Ginger taught at Mercy School of Nursing until it closed. She speaks fluent French which she learned after age 50 and has been an active in the French Community in New Orleans for the past 20 years. She has been a board member and is President Emeritus of the Alliance Française, which seeks to preserve French culture in our area. She is currently president of the Council of French Societies. Ginger is a Lifetime Member of CHSNAA, and is a resident of New Orleans.

### **CINDY SCHEYD CARON '76**

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN; BSN, LSU '81  
Cindy has served on the Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee of CHSNAA in the past. She retired from LSCHSC (Charity Hospital) in October 2006 with 30 years of service. Well known among our members for leading the opening prayers at alumni meetings, Cindy is actively involved in activities at her church, and works with families of children with cancer.

### **PAT LINDSEY MANCUSO '72**

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN  
Pat is a Pediatric ICU nurse and has worked at Charity, Ochsner and Children's hospitals. She was president of her senior class at Charity, and is a Lifetime member of the Association. Pat is a past-president of the Junior Auxiliary of Slidell, a service group that emphasizes the safety and development of children. Pat is presently a CASA volunteer in St. Tammany Parish. She is a resident of Slidell, Louisiana.

### **LaVONNE BROWN PAUL '92**

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN  
LaVonne is currently enrolled at Loyola University pursuing an advance practice degree. She has worked in SICU, Med Surg, and now is currently in the PACU at Tulane Medical Center. She does volunteer hospice care for a local priest along with other outreach ministry work. She is currently learning Spanish to allow better patient care. LaVonne is a resident of St. Rose, Louisiana.

### **ADRIENNE POREE THOMAS '92**

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN; MSN  
Adrienne is currently employed by the Medical Center of Louisiana. She is a resident of New Orleans.

### **ROSE-MARY ALEXANDER WHITE '72**

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN; BSN; MSN  
Rose-Mary has been treasurer of CHSNAA in the past. She is a member of Lambda Pi Alpha Sorority, Sigma Theta Tau, and the National Council of Negro Women. She is currently employed by the State of Louisiana DHHSS as a State Surveyor (survey of regulatory compliance). She is a resident of New Orleans.

## SECRETARY CANDIDATES

### **ROBERTA BARTEE '66**

EDUCATION: Diploma, CHSN; BS; MS; BC  
Bobbie has been a board member of CHSNAA in the past. She is a member of the Charity School of Nursing faculty. Bobbie has been a nursing educator and has served in administrative appointments throughout her career. She is a resident of New Orleans.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

### **LISTA HANK '97**

EDUCATION: ADN, CSN-Delgado; BA, MA, UNO  
Lista has served as secretary of CHSNAA in the past. She has been Publication Manager of the Alumni Association for several years editing The White Cap and *Alumni News*, as well as serving as chairman of Homecoming Celebration 2006. She is a certified gastroenterology nurse, currently employed by Touro Infirmary. She is a resident of New Orleans.

### **VIVIAN LARKIN MANES '70**

Education: Diploma, CHSN; CCM  
Vivian is a Board Member of the Case Management Society of America. She is currently employed by Gisclair and Associates, and is a resident of Metairie, Louisiana.





# THE WHITE CAP

Volume 40 Spring 2008

## From the President

BY JOYCELYN JEANSONNE '78

I am at home in Central Louisiana enjoying this gorgeous spring evening with all the flowers in bloom and trying to think of where to begin this letter as your new president. If you haven't noticed, the *White Cap* is one month later than usual. Keep reading and I will explain how this came about!

### Luncheon Meeting

Our annual Luncheon Meeting was held Saturday, February 23, at the Sheraton Metairie with 120 alumni in attendance. Suzy Andry '59 presided over the meeting as her last official duty as president. Due to Hurricane Katrina, Suzy served an extra term, and seemed a little too happy to be relinquishing her duties! To commemorate her years of service to the Alumni Association, the board presented her with a beautiful etched crystal bowl. Suzy did a wonderful job as president and we cannot thank her enough; so we are going to keep her around for another year as President Emeritus. Way to go, Suzy!

Your new Board of Directors was installed and you can peruse the list in this issue. The Bylaw changes were also voted on and approved at the Luncheon Meeting. Thanks to all who worked hard to complete this tedious task. The proposed bylaw changes were published in the 2007 *Alumni News* (which also contained the election ballot for new board members). The *Alumni News* is sent out in the fall and only goes to paid members of the Alumni Association. If you are not paying your annual dues, you are missing out!

### Breakfast in October

Another decision made at the Luncheon Meeting was to move the Breakfast Meeting to October for 2008. Traditionally, the Luncheon Meeting was held in January, and the Breakfast Meeting was held in June. Because Mardi Gras has been so early the past few years, we've been pushing the Luncheon Meeting into February, making it too close to the Breakfast Meeting.

An October date has worked well in Homecoming years, and would allow us to space out the two alumni



Thanks to Sandra Robert '56 for this photo of the Class of 1956. Left to right: Ann Thurgood, Lois Smith, Marlene Smith, Barbara Tripp, Betty Matherne, Annie Nunnery, Pauline Carter; seated: Joycelyn Jaekot, Mary Lou Hartman.

meetings better. So we are trying it this year. We are very interested in your feedback on this change.

Please mark your calendars for the Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, October 11, 2008, and be sure to attend! (It might be an especially enchanted one, being so close to Halloween!) There's more information on the reservation form on page 11.

### White Cap Mailing

With the rescheduling of the meeting, we decided to publish the *White Cap* a month later than usual. That has afforded the board a little extra time to compile and mail the *White Cap*.

We can always use more volunteers on mailing days. It's not hard work and we have a lot of fun! It's a great way to get more involved in the Alumni Association. If you are interested in volunteering for anything, give Doris a call in the Alumni Office.

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# Letter from the Executive Director

By Doris Burvant '60

So many alumni have asked about the fate of Charity Hospital, shuttered since Hurricane Katrina. We are delighted to be able to reprint a wonderful article by Carolyn Bennett of the Foundation for Historical Louisiana (page 4). It will answer many of your questions and give you some reassurance.

We got an update from Carolyn shortly before publication of the *White Cap* and she said, "We are working hard to save Charity Hospital. Currently we are interviewing two firms that have gone through the building and are on our short list to do the assessment, so we are getting close to naming a team. CHSNAA can be a powerful ally in our efforts to preserve Big Charity." FHL is a non-profit organization, so they need donations from folks like us who care about Charity Hospital!

## Legislative Audit

For the past three years, CHSNAA has had to pay over \$2,500 annually for a Legislative Audit. This is a requirement of the State Legislature because we are housed in the School of Nursing, part of the state college system. We have always had an audit done but a Legislative Audit is much more expensive and is only done by certain kinds of CPAs. This new requirement has been very hard on our budget!

Ginger Andy '58, one of our new board members, contacted a legislator to explain how burdensome this expense is for a small organization like ours. In response, Walter Leger has submitted a bill that would allow us to file a sworn affidavit and financial statement in lieu of the Legislative Audit.

I hope that by the time you read this article Mr. Leger will have been successful in passing this bill. If not, we will try again in 2009. We really appreciate Ginger taking the initiative on this!

## Ideas, Ideas

Can you believe that next year we will be planning the 2010 Homecoming? It is hard for me to believe that it is almost that time again. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, now is the time for you to let me know. It is going to be hard to top the 2005/06 Celebration!

We also need you to put on your thinking caps about new souvenirs. The CHSN Afghans and the Mailbox Banks have been fabulously popular. Sales of the Banks alone have paid for our freshman breakfasts and senior lunches for the past few years, and allowed us to

send Charity students to important conferences like NSNA. We need some new ideas for great fundraising souvenirs. What goodies would you like to have?

## CHSN Capes

On that note, we have several classic CHSN capes (like those worn by the students pictured on page 1) that were donated to the Association. We are considering selling them, and using the funds to support student activities. We haven't decided on a price, but if you are interested in purchasing a cape, let me know.

## Change of Address

Once again, I am asking for any changes of address. Please, let me know your new address when you move! If you have new addresses for friends and classmates, send those to me as well. And include e-mail addresses! E-mail is easier, faster and cheaper.

## Reunions

The classes of '58 and '68 are busily planning their class reunions. Where are the classes of '78, '83, '88, and '98? I will be happy to supply a list of classmates to anyone who wants to organize a class reunion. Call your class president, or volunteer yourself!

## October Breakfast

As Joycelyn wrote, we will be doing our Alumni Breakfast in October this year. The reservation form is on page 11. Go ahead and send it in today! While you are filling out the form, renew your membership as well. If you haven't been paying your dues, now is a great time to start!

I will be looking for you at the October Breakfast! Please support the Alumni Association with your attendance and your dues. ❖

*Only paid members....*

... of the Alumni Association receive  
the Alumni News in the fall.

Only paid members receive ballots  
and are able to cast votes in elections.

Only paid members help us provide  
scholarships and assistance to  
Charity students and the School of Nursing.

Are you a paid member?

Annual dues are only \$15.

*Join Today!*

Use the Reservation Form on page 11.



# From the President

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Thanks to your generosity in the purchase of our Mailbox Banks, we are still able to host a breakfast for each semester's incoming freshmen and a luncheon for the graduating seniors. This semester, alumni volunteers served a continental breakfast to 150 freshmen, and a lunch of salad and sandwiches to 177 seniors.

Both classes were very appreciative and delighted to have a convenient meal on a busy day. This is a great way to make the Alumni Association visible to the students, and is another fun opportunity for alumni to volunteer! Call Doris for the upcoming dates if you'd like to help.

The Alumni Association also assisted CASN (Charity Association of Student Nurses) in attending and representing the school at the National Student Nurses Association convention in Grapevine, Texas, in March. Melissa Snow, our CASN President, was elected to serve on the national nominating committee. (For those who attended the alumni luncheon, Melissa displayed the CASN poster of activities and addressed the membership.) Congratulations to Melissa and Charity! It is a great honor to participate on the national level.

## See You in October

Hope everyone has a wonderful, fun-filled summer!!! I look forward to seeing you all in October for the annual Breakfast Meeting. Hail Charity!! ❖

## In Memorium

Judy Roche Cooper '61 (11/29/07)

Joanne Delaune '78 (1/28/08)

Bertha Huerstel Gauglitz '40 (2007)

Esther Casey Guin '43 (4/5/08)

Duane Elmisten '95 (12/29/07)

Nell Morris Jacobs '49 (2007)

Grace Johnson Leonard '44 (4/16/08)

Virginia Malherne '52 (2/27/06)

Richard William McCurdy, Jr. '04 (5/5/07)

Nora Madere Miguez '41 (9/25/07)

Carol "Lori" LeBlanc Wood '86 (2/9/08)



Members of the Class of 1958 Reunion Committee enjoy an afternoon of reminiscing while planning for their event.

## Attention: Class of 1958

There definitely will be a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our graduation from Charity Hospital School of Nursing.

The event will take place in conjunction with the annual CHSN Alumni Breakfast, which will be held this year on Saturday, October 11, at the Westin Hotel at Canal Place in New Orleans.

A special event, just for our class (with their guests) will be held on Saturday evening. A committee of those of us left in New Orleans are working on specific arrangements. While our plans are not final, WE DEFINITELY NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU NOW. Please get in touch using the contact information below.

We desperately need e-mail addresses on all who have them and updates on contact information for those who don't. Tell us if you are interested in coming, but also send along some facts about your life we could include in a booklet to distribute to the class.

Our little committee had such fun the other day reminiscing. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as can come, and reading about the rest.

The 1958 Reunion Committee includes: Pat Kucera Ammon, Cecile Ginger Andry, Elaine Bodin Bond, Lone Lei Lanug Jackson, Millie Helmer Meng, and Evelyn Schroeder.

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# Faith, Hope and Big Charity

By Carolyn Bennett  
Executive Director,  
Foundation for Historical Louisiana  
Reprinted from the FHL website

On August 16, 2007, four members of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Historical Louisiana drove from FHL headquarters at the Old Governor's Mansion in Baton Rouge on a historic preservation mission. Sandra Stokes, Jill Rehn, Ory Poret, and Carolyn Bennett had arranged through correspondence with Jerry Jones, Director of Facility Planning in the State Division of Administration, for a first look at the twenty-story Art Deco landmark, Charity Hospital, since the doors were shut in September 2005.

## **Bricks and Mortar**

Senior Project Manager Mark Moses, serving as our liaison with the state, and Bob Arnold, LSU Medical Center, would be meeting us at the emergency room entrance ramp. We were joined by Dr. Dwayne Thomas, CEO of the University Hospital and Medical Center of N.O. and Dr. James Moises, a former Charity Hospital physician. Dr. Moises was standing in for Representative Kenneth L. Odinet, Democrat, District 103. FHL had invited Walter Gallas, Director, New Orleans Field Office, National Trust for Historic Preservation and Crystal Kelly, a Board member from the Preservation Resource Center.

The Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation was invited, but due to a scheduling conflict was unable to attend. Marvin McGraw, director of communications and media relations for LSU Health Care Services Division appeared as well. Glade Bilby, a professional photographer from New Orleans, was contracted by FHL to document the inspection, especially the "bricks and mortar" - the massive Alabama limestone exterior, the terrazzo floors, the art deco motifs, the countless windows, the miles of hallways and tiles.

## **Not for the Faint of Heart**

The temperature surely reached 100° that day and our walk-through was set for 1:00pm. Preservation, they say, is not for the faint of heart. But we certainly didn't need face masks, white zip suits, or hard hats. We carried with us the persevering, eyes-open attitude of realistic preservationists. We wanted to see the worst of the building, the best of the building, and we wanted



The deserted Charity Hospital campus.

to use this visit to come up with a plan for the next steps in bringing this structure (which represents so much human energy along with natural resources) back into commerce and for the good of the community.

## **On a Mission**

The Foundation for Historical Louisiana's involvement came early on after the storms. It was a natural, mission-driven fit. Preserving the cultural and architectural heritage of Louisiana is the benchmark of the 1963 incorporated FHL. Additionally, the 1938 Charity structure was designed by the firm of Weiss, Dreyfous, and Seiferth. This same group of architects had created our White House look-alike Old Governor's Mansion in 1930, the 450-foot high Louisiana State Capitol, the chateau like 1935 LSU French House, and the 1934 jewel box Shushan Lakefront Airport and hangars. The Preservation Resource Center was on the front line and working around the clock on behalf of the historic neighborhoods, their residents and residences. FHL was going to make Charity (and Shushan) a priority.

Then in April 2006 FHL leadership learned that the organization had been named in House Concurrent Resolution 89 as a partner to carry out the resolution's

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# Big Charity

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various charges. Namely, “that an independent group shall be assembled to assess the condition of the facility . . . with such group being assembled by the Foundation for Historical Louisiana through its national resources and contacts with architects and those professionals who evaluate historical structures to determine their viability.” Representative Odinet authored this resolution and it received unanimous approval from both House and Senate.

## The First Step

A Historic Structures Assessment is the first step, and FHL’s Board will be calling for proposals from qualified firms. Additionally FHL has set-up a special restricted fund to receive tax-deductible donations, obviously needed in order to accomplish the mandate of HCR 89, which interestingly calls for both a report “to examine and evaluate the entire Big Charity structure to determine the advisability of repairing or restructuring the entire facility.” Additionally it calls for a specialized report on floors one through three “to determine their viability for interim use to provide medical services including emergency services, psychiatric services, and establishment of clinics and subspecialty clinics.”

## Endangered Landmarks

FHL has since nominated Charity Hospital (and Shushan Lakefront Airport) to the Louisiana Landmarks Society New Orleans’ Endangered List as well as that of the Louisiana Trust. Both buildings are eminently eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. It’s only the paperwork that needs to be done and the routine procedure on the State and Federal levels that needs to be completed. Unquestionably both of these edifices should be recorded by the Historic American Buildings survey that is administered by the National Parks Service and the Library of Congress.

When President Richard Moe, National Trust for Historic Preservation, addressed PRC members at its May Annual Meeting he referred to the importance of safeguarding these two “treasures in trouble.”

## A Success Story

A similar situation shaped up in 2004 when Chicago’s Cook County Hospital (of “ER” television notoriety) was placed on the National Trust’s annual America’s Eleven Most Endangered List. What a difference three years can make. It is now reported that the Cook Country Board of Commissioners has done a prudent and taxpayer-saving aboutface, and is set to preserve and rehab this venerable 250,000 square foot

and two block long National Register structure.

## A Grant from the National Trust

After the August 16th visit Mr. Gallas had this to say, “Charity Hospital is a monumental Art Deco presence in our city. We have to be sure that we have made every effort to fairly assess its structural condition and architectural merits and then engage in a broadbased discussion examining options for its use.” The Trust, through its Southern Regional Office and the Winifred Evans Byrd Fund for Louisiana, contributed a \$2,500 grant for this “important historic preservation project” as stated in a letter from John B. Hildreth, Director, to the Foundation.

## Preserving Our Heritage

Big Charity is a monument that can leave one speechless. Its sheer size, rumored to be one million square feet, is almost incomprehensible and we were surprisingly only permitted in the basement and first three floors. Historic plaques and dedication memorials line its walls and one is overwhelmed by the realization that perhaps there is no other building with such a presence and unique heritage in our state.

In 1735 Jean Louis wrote in his last will and testament: “I bequeath to serve in perpetuity to the founding of a hospital for the sick of the City of New Orleans, without anyone being able to change my purpose, and to secure the things necessary to succor the sick.” This quote comes from Dr. John Salvaggio’s history book entitled, *New Orleans’ Charity Hospital: A Story of Physicians, Politics, and Poverty*. Now we can add “Preservation.” ❖

*Donations toward the assessment fund for Charity Hospital should go to the **Foundation for Historical Louisiana, P.O. Box 908, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, 225-387-2464. For more information about FHL, visit their website at [www.fhl.org](http://www.fhl.org).***



Big Charity’s shuttered Emergency entrance.



# Fabulous 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion for Class of '67

By Anne Gaubert LaRose '67

Words cannot do justice for the celebration of the Class of 1967 forty-year reunion from the "Big C." It was absolutely spectacular, full of nursing technological advancements from around the country, production of family life along with the special enjoyment of grandchildren, challenges of living with the retired, attempts at growing old gracefully, and many more stories and memories too good to be told.

We began our weekend celebration on Saturday, June 9, 2007, with the yearly Alumni Breakfast at the Wyndham Hotel. Our class of '67 had 25 graduates in attendance, that being the largest number from any one class present.

Following the breakfast we all ventured over to Judy Fontenelle Himel's home in Metairie and spent a glorious afternoon relaxing in a comfortable environment enjoying great food and drinks and friendships being renewed. We all shared wonderful memories of the life of a student nurse, including dormitory life, class teachings, especially awesome "Care Plans," "Hospital Hands-On Experiences," and "Public Health Home Visits."

Later in the evening we traveled to the French Quarter in downtown New Orleans to reminisce over the social life we once had in the three years we spent at Charity.

Sunday morning our schedule included attending 9:00am Mass at St. Louis Cathedral followed by a stroll along the Mississippi RiverWalk and ending our festivities with brunch at Muriel's Restaurant overlooking Jackson Square.

We then all hugged, cried, bid our goodbyes - anxiously anticipating our next reunion five years down the road in 2012. We all feel very blessed to have established such great and lasting friendships with so much pride in being a Charity graduate.

We want to thank Beverly Poche Chapoton along with Judy Fontenelle Himel for all their hard work and great effort in the planning of this wonderful event. ❖



The Class of '67 does the French Quarter during a full weekend of activities for their 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

## Alumni News

**Betty Falgout Hebert '68** was the recipient of the Louisiana Public Health Association's Meritorious Award, presented at the LPHA Awards Banquet in April 2007. The award is given for "longtime diligent and esteemed service in public health in Louisiana by any person in full-time, part-time, or voluntary service in a health agency, organization, or coalition." LPHA advocates for state policy, community involvement and workforce development in public health.

Betty retired in October 2002 as Nursing Supervisor of Lafourche Parish Health Unit after 30 years of state service. She belonged to many organizations including LPHA where she has served as Nursing Section Chairman twice, Membership Chairman, Second Vice-President twice, First Vice-President, and Local Arrangement Co-Chairman. In 2003, she was awarded Lifetime Membership in LPHA. Betty has been recognized by many organizations for her volunteer services. She was named "Community Volunteer of the Year" three times. Betty has also served on the Board of Directors and as President of CHSNAA.

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# Charity School of Nursing Campus Provost Report

By Patricia Egers, Dean of Nursing,  
Charity Campus Provost

Hello from the School of Nursing! I write this in early May, as we finish the semester. My mother was correct – the older you get the faster time flies!

## PN Program Moves to Airline

The Practical Nursing program now has a place to grow. The PN program is now housed at the Louisiana Technical College off of Airline Highway in Jefferson. It is still under the direction of Charity School of Nursing. The PN program will graduate over 40 students in July.

## RNs in Record Numbers

The RN program graduated 161 students on May 9. That is the largest number of RN graduates for one class at Charity ever, with the exception of the Cadet Nurse years. The students, faculty and staff worked very hard to accomplish this.

We continue to admit a class of 180 each fall and spring semester. This spring semester there were 732 students in clinical nursing courses. As part of a community college we are trying to provide the nurses our area so desperately needs. We are always searching for clinical experience areas for our students in the downsized health care arena post-Katrina.

## NLNAC Visit

The big thrust for the RN program for the rest of this year is to prepare our self-study for the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. Their site visit to Charity School of Nursing will be in early Spring 2009. The end of the eight-year cycle is upon us!

## Education Building Down at the Heels

The nursing building still bears the scars of Katrina. The roof is patched. On good days we have one operating elevator for 900+ people. We are all more aerobically fit from stair-climbing, but it is very frustrating to not have an optimum environment for student learning.

As always, thanks to the Charity Alumni for your support of the program and the students. You do make a difference! ❖

# Calling All Scrapbookers!

The Alumni Association needs the help of you grads who are experienced scrapbookers, or those who just want to learn!

Maintenance of our Alumni Association scrapbooks has fallen behind since Hurricane Katrina, so we need volunteers to organize, and create collages from our many photos and archival items from Homecoming and recent events.

We are trying to form a **Scrapbook Committee** and will hold a meeting of interested alumni on **Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at 2:00pm**. The committee will meet at the School of Nursing, in the sixth-floor faculty lounge.

If you would like to attend, or if you are unable to attend but are interested in being notified of future gatherings, please contact Doris Burvant at the Alumni Office, or call Scrapbook Committee chairman **Cindy Caron '76** at 504-459-5579.

Everyone loves the Alumni Association scrapbooks, but we need help to keep them going!

If you would like to contribute photos or other memorabilia for the scrapbooks, you can send them to the Alumni Office. Please provide any identification you can, such as names of individuals in the photos, or the occasion when a photo was taken. ❖

# "The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated."

**Glenda Haydel Folse '72** recently experienced a moment similar to the one that inspired Mark Twain's famous quote. When Glenda opened up the Fall 2007 *Alumni News* she found her own name listed as a deceased alumni. "It was very upsetting - since I am not dead," says Glenda.

We apologize profusely to Glenda for the terrible mistake, and certainly regret any distress we caused to her or any of her friends or classmates.

The Alumni Association receives the sad news of alumni deaths from a variety of sources. Usually it's just a note or a clipping sent to us by someone in the membership when they hear of a classmate's passing. We don't keep records of how we get the information, so we don't know how this particular mistake happened, but we will make every effort to avoid such a mix-up in the future.

We are delighted to let everyone know that **Glenda Haydel Folse '72** is, in fact, alive and well! ❖



*It's reunion year for the following classes but many alumni have not kept us informed of their address changes. If you can help us locate any of the following "lost alumni" or if you want to help plan a reunion for your class, please contact the Alumni Office: 504-571-1395 or [csnalumni@dcc.edu](mailto:csnalumni@dcc.edu)*

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Laurel Armitage Natale  
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Dawn Waller





# Greetings from Germany

By Margie Wilson '70

Who would have ever thought when I graduated in 1970 that I would be in Germany in 2007? I am hoping this message will encourage other Charity graduates who are serving or have served our country in a military assignment to share their stories with the alumni.

I joined the Navy Reserves in 1990. In September 2007, I was mobilized with about 300 Navy Medical staff to Landstuhl, Germany, to the Army Hospital. All the wounded are brought here, they receive treatment and then are flown back to hospitals in the states as quickly as possible. Needless to say, I have seen a lot more trauma than I care to, but I am impressed by the determination of the wounded. They are thankful for all that is done for them and they are very strong individuals.

I am always proud to say I am a Charity graduate and that training gave me the skills and knowledge I needed to succeed in the variety of assignments I have had over the years. I'll always remember a burn patient many of us cared for at Charity back in the late '60s and I can say I never liked burns after that. Recently I was assigned to a soldier who was badly burned and I got a flashback to the stryker frame at Charity. But I took a big breath and went forward and I have to say I enjoyed caring for my patient. I was thrilled when the doctors complemented me on the care I gave that patient before he was flown to Texas. Thank you to all the teaching staff at Charity.

My assignment here is anywhere from twelve to twenty-four months but I am hopeful to be back with my family by next fall for holidays in the traditional style! I am honored to have this opportunity to care for the military but I am sad that the war continues. People are still getting injured and dying. I hope peace will come to the world before long. ❖

## Alumni News

**Mary-Alice Basco McKinney '34** turned 100 years old on January 1, 2008. She is grateful for the training she received from Charity and she has fond memories of her experiences at the school and in her many years of nursing. Mary-Alice served as a Second Lt. in the Army Nurse Corps in Europe and North Africa caring for the wounded during World War II. She later worked in public health, in VA medical centers, and in doctors' offices over the years. She also volunteered with the VA and the American Red Cross.

**Shirley Harris Galatas '56** was selected as the 2007 Volunteer of the Year at the Clearwater Free Clinic in Clearwater, Florida. Shirley serves as Vice-President of Senior Center Services of Clearwater, and is a board member of Prospect Towers, which provides non-profit housing for low-income residents. ❖



## A Little Piece of Your Heart: In Art!

By Leslie Henderson '09

The CSN Class of May 2009 is now selling adorable ceramic plaques of the school buildings.

Talented artist Jenise McCardell of Clay Creations in Bay St. Louis has created a barrage of plaques memorializing metro area restaurants, schools, churches and other beloved architecture. These are the truest of treasures, with hand-painted nuances and a true likeness of each great spot that together make up our wonderful city. Some are alive and well today, and others "ain't dere no mo" - but these are the places that live in our hearts. Heaven knows that Charity School of Nursing is endeared to us for the long haul!

You can only get your Charity School of Nursing plaque through the May 2009 class, as Clay Creations has stepped up to help us in our sales!

So, please support our class by making one of these CSN "Clay Creations" your very own. The price is \$26, and you can order yours today by calling Leslie Henderson at (504) 481-3858, or you can e-mail [leslieh2@cox.net](mailto:leslieh2@cox.net). We are glad to deliver to you in our area, or we can make arrangements for mail/pick-up/other when you contact us.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FROM THE CLASS OF MAY 2009! ❖





# Distinguished Members



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## 2007

*Received after The White Cap 2007*

### SISTER STANISLAUS 2007

Carolyn Bartsch '70  
Susan Hargis Dukes Earley '80  
Patricia Lane '79  
Renee Rago Schuller '83  
Milagros Esguerra Yap '89

### SILVER STAR 2007

Shirley Harris Galatas '56  
Bonnie King '62  
JoAnn Pierce Ligon '66  
Christine Nelson '80  
Constance Proctor '65  
Ann Sneed Sorrells '65  
Judy Lafleur Ross '68  
Joan Musacchia Taylor '66

### BLUE RIBBON 2007

Rosalind Baldwin '57  
Jennifer Beach '67  
Mary Beth Prejean Benoit '83  
Erin Blaum '96  
Jan Carrio '76  
Mary Jane Burkett Caruso '53  
Gail Decoteau '55  
Mary Hains Doucet '72  
Monette Enright '58  
Mary Reaney-Gates '69  
Susan Theriot Gosnell '67  
Sandra Graugnard '67  
Margaret "Peg" Muldrey Kane '98  
Marilyn Jacob Klein '58  
Dorothy Sumrall Livingston '50  
Sue Johnston Peterson '52  
Judith Flach Prevou '60  
Danelle Terrio Rabalais '96  
Deena Rabalais '90  
Toni Granier Rabalais '93  
Marie Boyle Segrave '58  
Eleanor Crowder Spence '59  
Lauren Martello Terrio '96  
Brenda Crump Trosclair '68  
Barbara Wasano '62  
Bonnie W. Wilbur '92

## 2008

### SISTER STANISLAUS 2008

Virginia Conrad Giesen '49  
Jamie Walker Jensen '75  
Jo Ann Rizzutto '71

### SILVER STAR 2008

Dolores Marsh Alford '51  
Audrey S. Coward  
Cynthia Wild-Mendoza D'Elia '88  
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Patricia Lane '79

### BLUE RIBBON 2008

Maudie Bates '50  
Denise Doiron Becklehimer '82  
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Mae Addison Carlson '69  
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Pamela Maycock Coulter '62  
Frances Spicola Cummings '65  
Joan Cousins Damon '71  
Saundra Mallory Deaton '63  
Joanne Delaune '78  
Mary Hains Doucet '72  
Mary Arnold Gardner '61  
Tanya Gee '92  
Khaleelah Hasan '85  
Barbara Labry Huete '70  
Cynthia Liebel '68  
Dorothy Jean Sumrall Livingston '50  
Madeline Tolson Markwood '52  
Donna Mawson '71  
Marianne Porche McCrory '68  
Maureen LeBlanc Morel '68  
Diana Smith Paris '68  
Priscilla Wells Phillips '86  
Gabriela M. Powell '06  
Mary Lemoine Putman '75  
Judy Lafleur Ross '68  
Susan McWalters Rowell '98  
Rita Thornberry Sharpe '53  
Loretto Jenne Sitton '71  
Brenda Simmons '96  
Myrtle Ridgedell Swords '34  
Marjorie Pittman Upshaw '06  
Glenda "Gayden" Veal '89  
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Esther Wood '49



Alumni who join the Association at the Blue Ribbon level and above receive a personalized CHSNAA 2008-2009 pocket planner.





# Alumni Breakfast



Saturday,  
Oct. 11

Westin Hotel at Canal Place  
Canal Street at the River  
Cash Bar opens at 9:00am,  
Buffet opens at 10:00am.

The Class of '67 combined their 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion with the 2007 Alumni Breakfast.

BREAKFAST BUFFET MENU: Fruit, Yogurt, Granola & Cereals,  
Breakfast Bakeries, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Link Sausage,  
Lyonnaise Potatoes, Southern Grits, Juices, Coffee & Tea.  
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Join your classmates for a wonderful day  
of renewing old friendships and enjoying  
a spectacular view of the City from the  
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Price \$35.00

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY!

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Please reserve for me: HOW MANY? \_\_\_\_ Breakfasts @ \$35 each..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## From the President

Wow!! I can't believe it is fall already. The weather this week in Central Louisiana has been beautiful and I have tried to spend much of it out-of-doors.

I hope that this newsletter finds those in the hurricane ravaged Southern states safe and on the way to recovery. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you, hoping that your Charity fortitude will get you through the tough times.

### Breakfast Meeting

Over 140 alumni attended the Annual Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, October 11, at the Westin Hotel at Canal Place. The accommodations were very nice with a great view of the river and a beautiful breakfast buffet. Everyone had a great time visiting, especially the classes of 1958 and 1968, who used the opportunity to celebrate their reunions!

The Alumni Breakfast Meeting is traditionally held in June, but the Board decided to experiment with an October Breakfast for 2008. Since we had such a great turnout, the Board is considering holding the 2009 Breakfast in October as well.

We are very interested in getting your feedback for this idea. Please see the bottom of the ballot page to indicate your preference for a June or October Breakfast Meeting in 2009. We will let you know what date we choose in *The White Cap* in 2009.

### News on Big Charity

In July, you received a mailing from us that included a fund raising letter from the Foundation for Historical Louisiana for an architectural assessment of Charity Hospital. The FHL's Executive Vice Chair, Sandra Stokes, was invited to present an update on the preservation efforts for Charity Hospital at the breakfast. Sandra thanked the alumni for their generous support and read excerpts from letters she received from alumni members.

The architectural survey of the historic building was very positive, and very much encourages the preservation and renovation of the now-abandoned



*Evelyn Boyette '34 received a standing ovation at the Annual Alumni Breakfast Meeting on October 11.*

Big Charity into a modern 21<sup>st</sup> century medical center. Now, it is time for us to contact our legislators to voice our support in restoring Big Charity!!!!

There's more information about the architect's report in this issue, and you can see a great, four-minute video on the Foundation's website at [www.fhl.org](http://www.fhl.org).

### Legislative Audit

Also announced at the breakfast was the great news that CHSNAA is now exempt from the state requirement to undergo an annual Legislative Audit. Such an audit is expensive and time-consuming and has cost the Association more than \$7,000 in the last two years! We could not afford to continue paying for that level of audit and continue to function, so we had sought an exemption due to our small size and budget.

Thanks to the efforts of Board Member Ginger Andry '58, Representative Walt Leger fathered House Bill No. 1184 during regular session 2008, and it was passed. If you have the opportunity to thank Mr. Leger, please make every effort to do so. And of course, kudos to Ginger who made it all a reality!!

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# From the President

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## Web Page

It may be news to you that the Alumni Association has a website! It is actually part of the Delgado Community College website, and it is undergoing a reworking this month to make it more useful to our members. For example, you will be able to download forms for renewing your membership, or to order souvenirs by mail. So check it out to see what's new.

The website address is: [www.dcc.edu](http://www.dcc.edu). There is a list of Delgado's campuses on the left hand side of the page: select "Charity School of Nursing." On the Charity page, select "Alumni Association."

## Scrapbooks

A small group of alumni have been meeting regularly to put together our scrapbooks and bring them up-to-date. We could use your help - no experience required!! Please come and join us for a few fun-filled hours of reminiscing. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Doris Burvant at the Alumni Office, or call Scrapbook Committee chairman Cindy Caron '76 at 504-459-5579.

Also we are lacking pictures from breakfast and luncheon meetings in 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2007. If you have copies of pictures you would like to share, please send them to the Alumni Office. Please make sure to indicate the date or event where the pictures were taken! There's still lots of CHSNAA history to preserve and we need your help.

## Student Breakfasts & Lunches

As I reported in the *White Cap*, thank you for your generosity in the purchase of our Mailbox Banks. I may sound like Mc Donald's, but eleven more have been sold! It is through this fundraiser that we are able to continue to serve continental breakfast to the freshman and lunch to the seniors. This has proved to be a very rewarding day for the alumni and helps raise awareness of the Alumni Association among current students. If you are interested in volunteering for these days please contact Doris for upcoming dates! We would like to continue to assist the students as much as possible, so if you have any ideas on ways to build these funds, we are interested in hearing from you.

## Scholarships

Thanks to the generous donations of our graduates and their families, we have been able to award nine scholarships during the year. The following scholarships

are given twice per year: The Cooper Scholarship, named after Sally Cooper, funded from your donations to the Alumni Scholarship Fund; the Jeansonne Pediatric Scholarship funded by my husband; the Whynot Scholarship donated in memory of a graduate, Mary Ann, by her husband; and the Roach Scholarship donated by a graduate in memory of her husband. The Wright Scholarship is funded by a graduate's family in her memory and is given once per year.

The donor of each of these scholarships decides on the criteria. I have the honor of conducting the interviews along with Ursula Allain '65. Even though we enjoy conducting these interviews, it is a very demanding task. There are so many deserving students enrolled at CSN and their needs are so great, especially after the hurricane. They are sincerely appreciative of any help they receive. So thank you for your donations and know that you are serving these students well.

## Homecoming 2010

I can't believe how fast time goes by!! Yes, it is time to start planning for Homecoming 2010 and to start asking for volunteers. Please get your creative juices flowing! Contact us at the Alumni Office with your ideas, and let us know if you'd like to volunteer for the Homecoming committee. It is going to be really hard to top our last Homecoming - a truly fabulous gala. Let us hear from you!!!

## Ballot

Don't forget to vote for new board members and officers on the enclosed ballot. You've earned the right to be heard!! We have a great slate of candidates this year and I'm looking forward to working with them! We were delighted to be able to introduce several of the candidates who were in attendance at the Breakfast to the membership.

Just a reminder that we changed the by-laws last year to make the Nominating Committee Chair the only elected member of the Nominating Committee, and a full-fledged voting member of the Board of Directors. All the newly elected members of the Board will take office at the Annual Luncheon Meeting in January.

## Luncheon Meeting

Look for the Annual Luncheon Meeting registration in this newsletter, and send it in today! This is also a perfect time to renew your membership for 2009.

We hope to hear from you and we look forward to seeing you at the luncheon. Hope your Holidays are safe and happy!! Hail Charity!!

*Joyce Lynn Jeansonne '78*

President, CHSNAA



# Greetings from the Executive Director

Working for the Alumni Association has been therapy for me these past years. Seeing our members - in restaurants, at Pat O'Brien's, in grocery stores, even in the hospitals - has been a treat for me. I always look for familiar faces in the hospitals! My only wish is that when you move, you send to me your new address.

## Some Special Thanks

We have a number of Alumni Association members who we can always count on to help when there is work to be done. There is one who is very special to me and to the Alumni Board, and that is Lista Hank '97. I just want to share with you some of what she has done this year for the organization. She is the editor of *The White Cap*, and the *Alumni News*. She was chairman of the Bylaws Committee. She makes the centerpieces for your table at the Luncheon and Breakfast meetings. The personalized CHSNAA pocket planner (that you receive if you join the organization at the Blue Ribbon, Silver Star or Sister Stanislaus levels) - she is the one who personalizes it and mails it to you. And if that is not enough, she was chairman of the Nominating Committee this year. Don't you wish that you had a Lista on your board or committee? Thank you from the Board, but especially, thank you from me. Do not lose that spirit of caring and dedication!

## Help from Volunteers

This past year we mailed approximately 20,000 pieces of mail. All that mail has to be stamped and labeled. We have had volunteers from the organization, friends of the organization, as well as a daughter and a mother of board members. Without their efforts we would still be at the table working. Thank you all again for being such a great help! If anyone else out there would like to volunteer, give me a call and I'll be sure to let you know when we are working. And the Scrapbook Committee can use your help, too!

## Vote for Your Board

The deadline for returning your ballot is Monday, December 15. Mail it in early so your vote will count!

## Make Your Reservations

Speaking of deadlines, the Annual Luncheon Meeting is coming up on January 31. I am encouraging



you to make your reservations by the deadline noted on the Reservation Form. That is the date that we must give the number of attendees we expect to the hotel. It is very difficult to estimate attendance when people call the day before the event, or show up unexpectedly at the door. We have to pay the hotel for the number we give them, so we can't just add on a few extra "just in case." Of course, we understand that plans and work schedules change. I am just asking for your cooperation and to help us out if you can by making your decision in a timely manner and sending in that reservation form!

You know you want to attend - don't procrastinate! Mail your reservation early! And those members who have not been to a function, I do want you know that you are missed. At every alumni gathering, a graduate who has come for the first time will say to me, "I had no idea how much fun these events are! I'll be back!"

I hope I'll be seeing all of you soon!

*Doris Burvant '60*  
Executive Director

# Candidates Biographical Data

## PRESIDENT-ELECT

### LISA STOKES-HASTEN '78

EDUCATION: *Diploma, CHSN*

Lisa has worked as an oncology and Home Health nurse for 23 years. She is presently employed at Family Home Care (owned and operated by two CHSN grads). She has been president of New Orleans Oncology Nurses and served on their program committee. Lisa has served the Alumni Association as Nominating Committee Chair. She was Donations Chairman for the CHSN Alumni Homecoming 2005/6, leading our campaign to purchase the ambulance for the World War II Museum. Lisa loves to travel with family and friends. She is a resident of Metairie.

## TREASURER

### URSULA ALLAIN '65

EDUCATION: *Diploma, CHSN*

Ursula has served CHSNAA as President, Board Member, Nominating Committee, and most recently as Treasurer. She is a member of AORN, and is retired from the Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans (Charity Hospital). She lives in Kenner, LA.

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# Alumni News & Notes

**Doris Bennett '60** lived in New Orleans for about six years after graduation then moved to New Jersey for 5 years, then to Lexington for 32 years. "I retired early back in 1995 from Samaritan Hospital in Kentucky where I was Director of Oncology. After the death of my husband I came to Texarkana to help care for my mother who is 92 now." Doris had fallen out of contact with the Alumni Association, but she found the Association on the internet and got in touch. "I am looking forward to hearing about classmates and our old school!"



**John Covington '06** started at LSU School of Anesthesia in August 2008.

**Lynn Griggs '72** graduated on June 30, 1972, and wore her cap to work the next day. She celebrated the 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that event by wearing her Charity cap to work on July 1, 2008. Lynn plans to continue to wear her cap every year on her anniversary until she retires. "Wearing the cap is my personal way of keeping Charity Hospital ALIVE. I got lots of positive comments. What made it really great was when so many physicians recognized the cap!"

**Kim Morris Keith-Chatman '92** is still living in Arizona but has moved just outside of the Tucson city limits. "I am practicing full-time at Daris-Monthan Air Force Base as a contractor in referral management in the base hospital clinic Family Practice/Ambulatory Care. I am still very proud of the training I received at Charity. So glad to know that the School is still putting out the best nurses in the country!"

**Martha M. Larsen '42** lived in Oak Ridge, TN, for 47 years. "For five years I was Chief Nurse at the Oak Ridge Health Department. For 27 years and 4 months I worked in Genetic Radiation Research with mice. Our data was used to determine how much radiation humans can tolerate. I retired in July 1998, and I moved to an ACTS Retirement Life Community in Columbus, NC."

**Patrick Gerard Oncale '93** writes, "During Hurricane Katrina I was working in the emergency department at East Jefferson General Hospital. (I lived in Chalmette, so I was also a victim.) That hospital stayed open and we were quite busy. For two years I remained in New Orleans. A few months ago I decided to take a personal mental health break and travel. My first assignment

*The Class of 1968 celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> reunion in conjunction with the Alumni Breakfast in October.*

brought me to Memorial Hermann SICU in Houston. I enjoyed this assignment so much, I accepted a staff position. I completed my BSN this fall and will return to school at Texas A&M University to complete my MSN degree."

**Jennifer Cummins Robinson '80** (her last name was Hamilton while a student) recently completed a two-year postdoctoral research fellowship at the University of Michigan School of Nursing, funded by the NIH National Institute of Nursing Research. Jennifer will begin a tenure-track faculty position at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, MS, in August. "I earned my PhD in Nursing at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 2006 and I am excited to be coming back to UMC and to the South, and to being closer to my family."

**Tommielu Lambeth Sparks '60** says she has enjoyed reading the alumni newsletter for years. "I was fortunate to have a 38 year career with one healthcare system here in Gainesville. I retired in 2005 after a very rewarding as well as challenging career. Some of the opportunities that I was able to participate in included staff nursing, head nurse, infection control, emergency department supervisor, quality and regulatory systems, and chief nursing officer. My years and education at Charity served me very well and provided me with the skills and knowledge to perform the jobs I was given. Those years at Charity are very cherished memories. Thank you to all those who have kept the Alumni Association active, especially Doris Burvant. I hope more of my '60 classmates will send in their news!"



# Architectural Firm Says Restoring Charity Hospital Faster, More Cost-Effective

A comprehensive architectural assessment of the Medical Center of New Orleans was released in August by the Foundation for Historical Louisiana (FHL) demonstrating that “Big Charity” can be rehabilitated as a state-of-the-art medical and teaching facility according to RMJM Hillier, an internationally recognized architectural firm that conducted the assessment.

“Our assessment shows that there are no fundamental flaws that would impede the rehabilitation of Charity Hospital into a state-of-the-art, modern facility,” said Dr. George C. Skarmeeas, founding principal of RMJM Hillier’s Preservation Architecture Practice Group. “Big Charity is one of the premier examples of Art Deco architecture in New Orleans and its rehabilitation would provide the most sustainable way to create a contemporary hospital while preserving a key part of the city’s history. The re-use of this iconic historic landmark would be a symbol of New Orleans’ rebirth.”

“Charity Hospital has the potential to be a very good healthcare facility in its design, floor space and close connection to a community with serious healthcare needs,” said Steve McDaniel, RMJM Hillier’s leader in designing healthcare and research facilities. “Renovating and modernizing Charity Hospital will take much less time and will be significantly less expensive than building a new hospital.”

According to the assessment, the building envelope, including exterior walls, windows, and roof, can be effectively restored. The structural system is extremely sound, and with a few modifications, it will be fully functional as a state-of-the-art healthcare facility. Having this useful and structurally sound building shell already in place should shave at least two years off the delivery date of a new building, which would require acquiring a very large parcel of land, relocating the people who live there, and building a brand new structure. Charity’s vacant state allows easier upgrade to

a state-of-the-art facility and the re-use of existing buildings is a sustainable way to build.

“The rebuilt Charity Hospital would be completed two years earlier than a new hospital, saving millions in financing costs, the expense of running an interim hospital, and loss in revenue that would result from the extra time needed for a new facility,” said Sandra Stokes, vice chair of the FHL Board of Directors. By rehabilitating Charity, and preserving 25 blocks of historic houses, New Orleans can get two things it desperately needs: top-quality medical facilities and livable neighborhoods.



The building footprint, with its H-shape, complies with modern hospital design goals of enhancing day lighting and providing views from all rooms. The existing floor plates are workable for a first class healthcare facility, except for the third floor, which RMJM Hillier proposes enlarging. The assessment also includes the addition of an innovative entrance atrium.

According to FHL Executive Director Carolyn Bennett, “RMJM Hillier’s in-depth assessment now opens the way for fact based discussions on the quickest and most cost-efficient way to restore healthcare to New Orleans. FHL urges our elected officials and health care leaders to carefully examine the assessment, and use this Art Deco landmark of medical, cultural, and historic importance as the magnificent starting point of a first-class facility for the citizens of Louisiana.”

An executive summary of the assessment, the full report and a video can be viewed at [www.fhl.org](http://www.fhl.org).

*Reprinted courtesy of the  
Foundation for Historic Louisiana*



## Class of '58 Gathers for 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

The Class of 1958 held its 50-year reunion in conjunction with the Alumni Breakfast on October 11, 2008. The reunion committee (Ginger Andry, Elaine Bodin Bond, Lorre Lei Lanng Jackson, Pat Kucera Ammon, and Evelyn Schroeder) worked diligently over several months preparing for the weekend. The group enjoyed a cocktail get-together on Saturday night and a lunch on Sunday to end our wonderful time together.

"Twenty-three of our classmates participated in one or more of the events and many more were in touch, sending their pictures and stories for our reunion book," reports Ginger Andry. ❧



*The Class of 1958 celebrate at the 2008 Alumni Breakfast*

## Refresher Classes Help Get RNs Back to Work

This past summer, Charity School of Nursing offered for the first time the **Registered Nurse Refresher Course**. The course was funded through a "Careers That Heal" grant funded by the LRA using CDBG federal funds and written by Donita Qualey. The program's coordinator was Cheryl Myers, who secured approval of the program from the Louisiana State Board of Nursing. The two instructors were Jill Lambert and Kim Uddo. Nine students participated, and one even came from Missouri because there was no program offered in her state!

The literature states that one of the biggest concerns of nurses who have been out of the workforce is "not feeling confident" about returning to the job. Many of the participating nurses had not worked for over fifteen years for a variety of reasons (caring for family, other occupations, and traveling). But they all had one thing in common: they were unsure and afraid to return to the workforce. Our mission was to facilitate the learning experiences for these professionals to empower them to a safe, confident, and self-directed return to their careers.

The course was designed for adult learners. The class quickly evolved into an active learning community of dynamic and sharing members, each with rich life

experiences that complimented their learning.

Collaborative learning, mastery of new technology and best practices were central to the eight-week program held June through July, 2008. Classes and lab sessions were held at the nursing school, and clinical experiences took place at two area hospitals. Guest speakers and field trips were included in the program.

Student surveys conducted at the end of the course compared to those done at the beginning of the course revealed a great improvement in the nurses' perception of being "prepared to meet nursing standards" and having improved skills. As a result, they demonstrated improved self-confidence. If you would like to see the Snapfish online photo album from this past summer, you can email that request to Kim (*contact information below*).

More and more hospitals are getting applications from nurses who have been out of the workforce for over ten years and most hospitals will not hire these nurses without a refresher course. Not many states offer state-approved programs like this. Charity is proud to fill this need.

If you or someone you know has been out of the workforce for some time and are considering reentering the profession, please contact Cheryl Myers at (504) 571-1372, [cmyers@dcc.edu](mailto:cmyers@dcc.edu), or Kim Uddo at (504) 884-3616, [kuddo@dcc.edu](mailto:kuddo@dcc.edu), for more information. We would love to see you this coming summer!

By Kim Uddo and Cheryl Myers,  
CSN Faculty Members



# About Last Night...

I wanted to share an experience I had last night. One of my patients, an eighty plus, frail, elderly lady, had been removed from life support and was not expected to survive more than a few hours. It was not that simple.

During the night she awakened and became more alert. Then, early in the morning, as I was preparing to leave after completing my night shift, she began to struggle to breath.

She had a Living Will and instructions not to attempt any resuscitation. There seemed so little I could do for her.

I took her hand. She squeezed it tightly. She told me that she was afraid. I attempted to comfort her. Speaking with difficulty through her oxygen mask, she asked if I was off duty. I replied that I was. She thanked me for taking care of her and told me that I should go home and get some sleep. I told her that I wasn't going to leave and that I would stay and breathe with her. She called me her "angel." The last words that I heard her speak were "God bless your heart." As tears came to my eyes, I thought of the many who I have seen die.

The nurse who relieved me this morning told me she wished she had a picture of me holding the lady's hand because it was one of the most compassionate moments she had ever seen. I smiled then. The lady and I had known each other for only a few hours, but holding hands, sharing her last moments, we had cared for each other.

Often in the ICU we get inundated with the technology of monitors and equipment. Sometimes we forget to focus on the more important things, the human things, the patients and their families. This experience reminded me of the importance of physical touch. I have never in my career been more proud to be a nurse. Not just a nurse – a Charity trained nurse.

Patrick Gerard Oncale '93

## Remebering

### Josephine Taravella Wagner '47

**Josephine Taravella Wagner '47** died on Monday, April 7, 2008. She was 81, born in New Orleans and a resident of Marrero. After graduating from Charity she served in the U.S. Nurse Cadet Corps during World War II. Josephine was Director of Nursing at Sara Mayo Hospital and Operating Room Supervisor at West

Jefferson Hospital and South Jefferson Hospital. She served as President of AORN. of New Orleans, and served on National Recruitment Memberships. She was AORN Founder of Chapter 74 of Operating Room Technicians, and Meritus Member of the Association of O.R. Nurses. ❧

## Alumni News & Notes

**Mary F. Woody '47** was inducted into the Alabama Health Care Hall of Fame in March 2008. She was chosen "because of her outstanding contributions to nursing education at Auburn University and for her personal attributes." Mary spent most of her career in Atlanta working at Emory University and Grady Memorial Hospital. She returned to her native Alabama in the spring of 1979 to serve as the founding dean of the new Auburn School of Nursing. After the first class graduated, the school was granted national accreditation. The American Academy of Nursing honored Mary as a "Living Legend" in 1997. Auburn's School of Nursing now has the Mary F. Woody Alumni Scholarship Endowment as a permanent fund to honor Mary and provide support for nursing students. The first scholarship will be awarded in 2009. Mary has recently moved to a senior living community, Clairmont Place in Decatur, Georgia (an Atlanta suburb). ❧

## In Memorium

Earline Clark Braswell '47 (7/17/08)  
 Harriet Price Curole '46 (8/26/08)  
 Betty Duplantis Jennings '54 (7/19/08)  
 Carole Sargent Kennedy '58 (unknown)  
 Cornelia Annette McCants '40 (7/4/08)  
 Theresa Bertin Michaelides '55 (2006)  
 Shannon Prechter '01 (7/22/08)  
 Adriel Serpas Reynolds '62 (7/6/08)  
 Dorothy Hine Rowe '49 (2/16/08)  
 Wanda Richards Signorelli '47 (3/25/08)  
 Sarah Stoneman '52 (7/26/08)  
 Althea Sweeney '58 (1986)  
 Lou Weber Trahan '54 (9/12/08)  
 Michelle Roman Traub '66 (8/18/08)  
 Josephine Taranella Wagner '47 (4/7/08)  
 Adele Ferguson Ware '59 (8/2/08)

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Charity Hospital School of Nursing

# Alumni Luncheon

Saturday, January 31, 2009

Sheraton Metairie-New Orleans Hotel

4 Galleria Blvd in Metairie (Next to the Galleria at S. Causeway and I-10) 504-837-6707 Free parking!!

A delightful plated luncheon of succulent Chicken Marsala, crisp green salad, two savory sides du jour, the Chef's special dessert, rolls and butter, iced tea, coffee and decaff

Registration/Cash Bar opens at 10:30am,  
Luncheon served at 11:30am  
Cost: \$28.00 per person

## CHSNAA Alumni Luncheon Reservation Form

We must receive your reservation by Monday, January 26, 2009, to guarantee your seating.

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First name Maiden/graduating name Last name

Class of: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I'll See You at the Luncheon:

Total number of people \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$28 each.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bringing a Guest? Please give us the name for their Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_

I Want to Renew my  
Annual Membership Dues:

- ☐ \$15 Regular Membership
- ☐ \$25 Blue Ribbon Membership\*
- ☐ \$50 Silver Star Membership\*
- ☐ \$100 Sr. Stanislaus Membership\*

☐ Sustaining Membership: a one-time gift of \$500 (and you never pay dues again).\*

\*Members at these levels receive a personalized CHSNAA pocket planner.

I Want to Contribute to:

The Scholarship Fund.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: Enclosed is my check for.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to, and mail to: CHSN Alumni Association, 450 S. Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70112



# Free Nursing CEUs Available On-Line

It's the time of year to think about renewing your nursing license. Do you have the CEUs you need?

Many websites offer free CEUs that will fulfill your requirements. "We always encourage our students to look for these kind of free educational opportunities on-line," says Dr. Nora Steele of the CSN faculty. You can also find free online journals to keep up with current issues in healthcare.

There are numerous sites, and we do not make any endorsements, but the following are a few suggestions to get you started exploring. Just look for "FREE nursing CEUs" on each site.

[www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org)


[www.nursingceu.com](http://www.nursingceu.com)

[www.pricetoncme.com](http://www.pricetoncme.com)

[www.cme.medscape.com](http://www.cme.medscape.com)

[www.nursingcenter.com](http://www.nursingcenter.com)

For those of us living on the Gulf Coast (or anyone who eats oysters), here's a free online CEU about *vibrio vulnificus* - the pathogen that can make raw oysters dangerous to consume:

[www.issc.org/ceu/nurses](http://www.issc.org/ceu/nurses) 



Alumni who renew their memberships at the \$25 level or above will receive a personalized 2009-2010 pocket planner.


Renew your membership on the Luncheon Reservation Form on page 8.

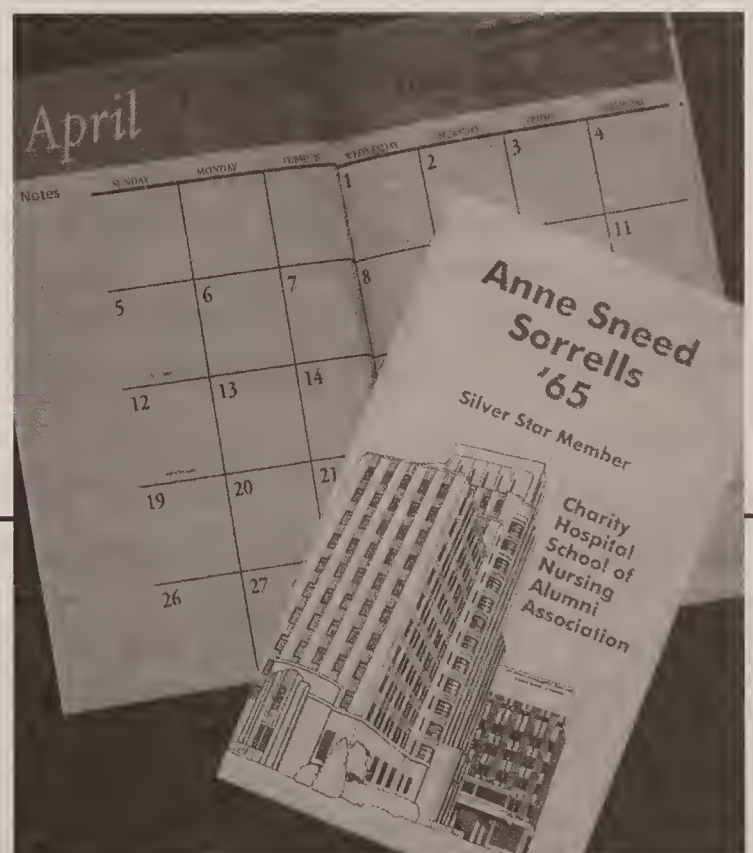


## Class of 2009 Selling CSN Ceramic Plaques

The CSN Class of May 2009 is selling ceramic plaques of the school buildings.

Artist Jenise McCardell, of Clay Creations in Bay St. Louis, is well known for her hand-painted ceramic plaques memorializing metro area restaurants, schools, churches and local architecture.

You can order a Charity School of Nursing plaque from the May 2009 class. The price is \$26, and you can order by calling Leslie Henderson at (504) 481-3858, or you can e-mail her at [leslieh2@cox.net](mailto:leslieh2@cox.net). Plaques can be delivered in the metro area, or arrangements can be made for mailing when you contact Leslie. 





# Candidates Biographical Data

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR CANDIDATES

### CHARLENE BERGER ‘79

EDUCATION: *Diploma, CHSN*

Charlene has been working in Clinical Research for 28 years. She has been an oncology nurse and the director of a private research center. She is currently a Site Manager for Clinical Trials with Roche Pharmaceutical Company, and has managed clinical trials in many therapeutic areas including oncology, virology, and transplant. “I love attending our state festivals celebrating cuisine, music and history.” Charlene is a resident of Kenner.

### ALICE FAY CHAMBERS BRADY ‘64

EDUCATION: *Diploma, CHSN; BS in Allied Health, Our Lady of Holy Cross; MS in Health Education, LSU*

Alice is a peri-operative nurse at St. Tammany Parish Hospital. She is an active member of AORN and has held numerous offices in the local chapter. She has spoken on the local, regional, and national level regarding Peri-Operative Nursing. “I am dedicated to our CHSN Alumni and very excited at the prospect of serving as Nominating Committee Chair.” Alice is a resident of Slidell.

## BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES

### EMILY CLOUATRE ‘97

EDUCATION: *Associate Degree, CSN*

Emily works in Women’s Services (post-partum, nursery, female surgery) at Touro Infirmary in New Orleans. Prior to Katrina she was employed at Memorial Medical Center in oncology and out-patient chemo. She served on many committees while at Charity, including Student Government. “Most of my free time since then has been devoted to raising my autistic grandson, now 14-years-old. He is progressing by leaps and bounds and now I have time for extra activities.” Emily is a resident of River Ridge.

### RHONDA JOHNSON ‘97

EDUCATION: *BA, Business Studies, Delgado Community College; Associate Degree, CSN*

Rhonda is an ICU and Heart & Vascular Surgery Charge Nurse at Touro Infirmary where she has worked for nine years. She has worked in many areas of health care over the last 27 years. While at Charity, Rhonda was president of SPECTRUM - the organization of black student nurses. She served as secretary for the Delgado Community College Alumni Board of Directors. She is president and

co-founder of The Royal Scepter, Inc., an organization of former Zulu queens who are active in community services such as reading to school children and delivering baskets to the elderly during the holiday season. Rhonda was Queen Zulu in 1981. “I would consider it an honor and privilege to serve on the CHSNAA Board.” Rhonda is a resident of New Orleans.

### VIVIAN LARKIN MANES ‘70

EDUCATION: *Diploma, CHSN*

Vivian is a certified case manager and works primarily with injured workers on referral from workers’ compensation carriers or employers. She is a Board Member of the Case Management Society of America, Greater New Orleans Chapter. She has served on the Nominating Committee for the CHSN Alumni Association. Vivian is a resident of Metairie.

### MARGARET OALMANN PALMISANO ‘49

EDUCATION: *Diploma, CHSN; BS, LSU; MPH, Tulane; PhD in Epidemiology, Tulane*

Margaret has worked in a wide range of areas from Communicable Diseases to Sarcoidosis Research to Preventive Medicine, at Charity Hospital, Tulane and LSUMC. She was a professor at LSUMC from 1962 to 1998. Margaret has authored numerous publications (articles, chapters and editorials), was a founding member of the Southern Pediatric Research Council, and is a member of numerous health care organizations. She has been an active member of CHSN Alumni Association, serving as Board Member and on many committees. Margaret is a resident of Folsum.

### KIMBERLY MARSHALL SCHROEDER ‘97

EDUCATION: *Associate Degree, CSN*

Kim has worked in med-surg, oncology and OR, but for the past eight years she has been in hospice care, and “I love it!” She is currently Director of Nursing for Hospice Care of Louisiana. While at Charity, Kim was an active member of Charity Association of Student Nurses (CASN), serving as vice-president and on committees that presented resolutions to the National Association of Student Nurses at their conventions. Kim has served on the Nominating Committee for CHSN Alumni Association. She is a resident of Marrero.

### ESTHER WOOD ‘49

EDUCATION: *Diploma, CHSN; Coursework at Tulane and LSU*

Esther has been a board member of the Alumni Association, a two-time board member of NODNA, and a member of the LSNA Board of Directors for eight years. She was an administrator in the Plaquemines Parish Health Department. Esther is now retired and lives in Belle Chasse. ❧



Charity Hospital School of Nursing  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
2009 BALLOT

**DIRECTIONS:** Circle the names of the candidates of your choice. Place the ballot in the small envelope marked "BALLOT." Seal the envelope and insert it in a larger mailing envelope addressed to CHSN Alumni Association. You may send your luncheon reservation and other materials in the same mailing envelope, but please enclose only this ballot inside the BALLOT envelope. This protects the privacy of your vote.

**DEADLINE FOR VOTING:**

Ballots must be received on or before December 15, 2008, to be counted!

**PRESIDENT-ELECT**

**Lisa Stokes-Hasten '78**

**TREASURER**

**Ursula Allain '65**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR**

**Charlene Berger '78**

**Alice Fay Chambers Brady '64**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

(Vote for Two)

**Emily Clouatre '97**

**Rhonda M. Johnson '97**

**Vivian Larkin Manes '70**

**Margaret Oalmann Palmisano '49**

**Kimberly Marshall Schroeder '97**

**Esther Wood '49**

Circle your preference for scheduling the Annual Alumni Breakfast Meeting:

**June 2009**

**October 2009**

**No preference**

After making your selection, please place this ballot in the enclosed "BALLOT" envelope. Seal the envelope and insert it in a larger mailing envelope addressed to the CHSN Alumni Association.

Mail your ballot to:

CHSN Alumni Association, 450 South Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70112







# THE WHITE CAP

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## From the President

By Joycelyn Jeansonne '78

I can not believe that a whole year has flown by since the last White Cap was published. The older I get, the more I understand that my now 91 year old Mother is right---time flies by and I just can't slow it down! As I begin my letter, I realize that some of you have not heard from the Alumni for a whole year, where as paid members received the Alumni News in the Fall. So please forgive me if some of this news seems old!!

### Luncheon Meeting

For those 125 members that attended our annual Luncheon Meeting which was held Saturday, January 31, at the Sheraton Metairie; some of this news will seem very repetitious. Please bear with me because I don't want to leave anyone or anything out.

The accommodations were very nice especially the plated lunch which was served to your table. This had become a luxury which we could not afford, even if it was available, since hurricane Katrina in 2005. Everyone in attendance had a great time visiting.

Your new Board of Directors was installed based on the 200 ballots we received from paid members during November and December 2008. Thanks to those who took time to vote!! You can peruse the list of the Board inside this issue. Remember ballots inside the Alumni News only go to paid members. So don't miss out!! Pay your dues.

### October Breakfast

The ballot also allowed you to vote for June or October for the Alumni Breakfast. The majority of votes were cast for October, so please mark your calendars for



The Class of 1949 combined their 60th Class Reunion with the 2009 Alumni Luncheon. Back row standing are Katherine Lusk Lindsey, Mildred Terrell Allen, Nickie Schifani Schiele, Edith Parks Shirah, Joyce Delatte Kelley, RoseJeanne Roussel Buccola, Betty Holmes Tafaro, Esther Toye Wood, Billie Sanders Tuohy. Front Row seated: Wilma Crochet Richard, Margaret Oalman Palmisano, and Natalie Yovanovitch Geier.

October 3rd. There's more information on the reservation form inside. Contact your friends and classmates and join us for a great time!!

### Legislative Audit

I can't report this bit of great news enough times!!! CHSNAA is now exempt from the expensive, time-consuming legislative financial audit. Last year in the White Cap Doris reported that the bill had been submitted that would allow us to file a sworn affidavit and financial statement in lieu of the audit. If you have the opportunity to thank Representative Walt Leger who fathered House Bill No.1184, please make every effort to do so. And of course, none of this would be a reality if not for the efforts of Board Member Ginger Andry, '58. Special thanks to Ginger!!! This will save the association over \$3500 a year which we could not afford to spend.

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### **Mailbox Banks**

As I keep reporting, it is through the sale of Mailbox Banks that we are able to continue serving continental breakfast to the freshmen and lunch to the seniors. Both classes are very appreciative and continue to thank the association for our support. The funds are also utilized for other student/faculty requests such as attending the National Student Nurses Association convention or attending student nurse night for the New Orleans District Nurses Association. We would like to continue to assist the students and the school as we have in the past, but the sale of banks has slowed.

### **Commemorative Etched Bricks**

The Alumni Board is presently investigating a new fundraiser to replenish funds—the sale of commemorative etched bricks for a wall to be placed prominently at the school. We are currently contacting companies that supply the etched bricks, but will still be in need of a tile setter to lay the bricks, which are really a type of paver. If you have any contacts in the New Orleans area that you think may be able to assist with this project, please contact Doris in the alumni office.

### **Scholarships**

In January 2008, six scholarships and monies for 3 pins were awarded to CSN students; four scholarships with 2 pins were awarded in August 2008; and five scholarships and 4 pins were awarded in January 2009. Thank you for the generous donations which continue to make these scholarships possible. There are so many deserving students enrolled at CSN and their needs are so great that the selection of recipients is a very difficult task. These CSN students are so grateful and appreciative of any assistance they are afforded, so again kudos from the students and the alumni board.

### **Scrapbooks**

The Alumni Association still needs your help in bringing the scrapbooks up-to-date—no experience required!! A small group of alumni have met three times in 2008, but are still back dated to Homecoming 2006. If you are interested in joining us in preserving history, please contact Doris Burvant at the Alumni Office, or call Scrapbook Committee chairman Cindy Caron, '76 at 504-459-5579. As reported in the Fall Alumni News, we are lacking pictures from breakfast and luncheon meetings in 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2007.

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### ***"Sally Brooke"***

On March 2, 2009, Charity's nursing faculty parted ways with Sally Brooke, R.N., nurse educator, humanitarian, mother, daughter, sister, wife and friend. As we mourn the passing of a dear colleague, we must always remember the spirit that lived through her: a spirit that continues to live through all of us at Charity.

I have always believed in the three cardinal virtues: faith, hope and charity. Among these, the greatest is Charity and the greatest among us have best exemplified that virtue. Sally was one of these.

During her time with Charity, Sally was recognized for her excellence both within and beyond the classroom. In 2003 she was nominated for the Excellence in Teaching award, presented to outstanding faculty of Delgado Community College. "Upon leaving her class," wrote Kim Uddo senior level faculty, "I felt lifted, educated, energetic and satisfied."

Sally represented the best that charity has to offer. Even in mourning we remember how she inspired us with a mission to lift others as professionals and as individuals.

Let us honor Sally Brooke in our memory and mission so we may lift her spirit as she has done for so many of us.

Suzanne Riche  
Charity School of Nursing

We honor as well,

Patricia Smith Arnold '47 (9/11/08)  
Nancy Blake Bombet '52 (11/2/08)  
Lorettarea Cayard '49 (4/3/07)  
Andrea Coyle '69 (10/19/08)  
Harriet (Pat) Stone Flannery '98 (1/19/09)  
Bettie Crews Gaston '49 (3/15/08)  
Eula Davis Houston '49 (Unknown 2008)  
Amanda Ellender Hummel '44 (12/5/08)  
Goldie Ladner '50 (3/14/09)  
Sylvia Ruth Jacoby Miller '43 (11/29/07)  
Marie Holden Moore '48 (8/6/08)  
Cheryl Patrick Ricard Floyd '79 (1/14/09)  
Barbar Ann Viola Guitierrez '89 (2/2/09)  
Helen Mccarin West '49 (4/15/07)



*President's Message, continued from page 2*

When sharing pictures for the scrapbooks, please make sure you indicate the appropriate event. Call today to share some fun-filled hours with fellow graduates reminiscing and preserving Charity history. Hail Charity!!!

**2009 Board Meeting Calendar**

Please peruse the calendar of scheduled meetings and work dates inside this issue. If you are available any of these dates, we invite you to join us, especially for mailings. Call the office and leave us a message so we know you are interested. We'd love to have you participate and get involved!!! We do have a good time.

**Homecoming 2010**

As I began this letter with how time flies, I reiterate it

near the end!! I can't believe it is time to start planning for Homecoming. And also time to ask for volunteers and for creative ideas!!! We want to make this Homecoming as spectacular as 2006. So, call, e-mail or drop us a note with your ideas!!! We need to hear from you!! The more the merrier in planning, so join us for meetings. Volunteer today.

**October 2009**

Hope to see you in October for the Annual Breakfast Meeting. Don't delay—fill out your reservation form today and mark your calendar. Check your address label to see if you owe for dues and choose your level of donation also on the reservation form. Here's hoping you have a great, exciting summer!!! Keep in touch and try to stay cool. Hail Charity!!!

## ***CHSN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION***

### ***2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

Saturday, January 31, 2009

Luncheon

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Board Meeting—3:00 pm

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

White Cap deadline

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

White Cap mailing—9:00 am  
Board Meeting – 3:00 pm

Tuesday, September 1, 2009

Post Card mailing – 9:00 am  
Homecoming Board Meeting

Saturday, October 3, 2009

Breakfast

Friday, October 2, 2009

Newsletter deadline

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Newsletter mailing – 9:00 am  
Board Meeting – 1:00 pm

Thursday, December 17, 2009

Counting Ballots—11:00 am  
Christmas Lunch—12:00pm



## ALUMNI NEWS

**Gary Guidry '89** is now living in Charlotte, NC. He is president and CEO of Medcath Partners.

**Hello Charity! Shelia Sorrell '78.** Shelia has completed two Masters Degrees, one Master Science of Nursing and the second Master of Health Administration this past year. She is living in Barnesville, OH.

**Mary Ann Warmouth Lish '69** is now living in Sun City outside of Austin. She is taking a refresher course because Texas wouldn't transfer her license from California. She has been out of nursing for 11 years.

**Claudia Haller Gordon '98** wrote that she passed the National Licensing Examination for Marriage and Family Therapists. She is now Claudia Gordon, MN, RN, LMFT. Claudia plans to open a private practice on the North Shore.

**Linda Boudreaux Guidry '70** is married with three children, and 4 grandchildren. She resides in Napoleonville and has been a School Nurse since 1984. Currently she is serving as President of the Louisiana School Nurses Organization, which will host the 2009 Annual LSNO Professional Growth Seminar in Gonzales in April 2009. Linda is also serving on a subcommittee of the state Nursing Supply and Demand Committee.

**Maureen Babin Smith '53** shared the following, "It gladdens my heart to think that Big Charity will not disappear into history. Thanks for including the report in the newsletter. The 3 years as a student allowed me to grow into an adult with confidence to do a good job of taking care of other people.

What I look back on now (after 55 years) is the variety of people we came to know and care for also. From teens on orthopedics with full body casts, to huge ward full of African American men on the urology unit, to an interne whose last name was "Mellon" (of the N.Y. Mellons.) I am sorry that I can no longer make the alumni reunion. My husband is not well and does not travel any more."

**Shelia Mathieu '99** was Queen of Zulu 2009. She said that it was a wonderful year and she still has more responsibilities in 2010.

## Executive Director's Report

*By: Doris Burvant*

I have had several inquiries regarding **Charity nursing capes**. The board has decided to hold a closed auction. There are 2 capes that are available for this event. The rules are as follows: (1) Closed bid with a starting minimum of \$100.00 (2) Deadline for the bid is August 1, 2009. (3) If there are two bids for the same amount of money, the board will hold a drawing for the winner. (4) All bids have to be sent via regular mail **not e-mail**.

### Pins

The death of Rosemary Breaux '45 was published in the last issue of the White Cap. Her daughter, Barbara, contacted me regarding her graduation pin and EOT nursing pin. She is offering these two pins to anyone who lost their pin/s due to Katrina. If you are one who has lost your pin/s and graduated from the diploma program please contact me by mail only (e-mail or telephone contact will not be accepted). I will contact Barbara with the name of the first person who sends their request to me, and she will send the pin/s to you. If I receive more than one request, I will have someone in the school draw for the winner. You will have to have a jeweler remove Rosemary's name from the back of the pin.

### Reunions

If you have addresses for the lost alumni members please let me know. We have several classes who are trying to organize their class reunion, they are as follows: Ruth Wallace '59 is working on their class reunion. The class of 1969 wants a party, so someone needs to come forward to organize the event. Carolyn Cox is taking the lead for the class of 1974. It shows that you do not have to live in New Orleans to plan.

### Alumni Web Site

The Alumni Association is now a part of the 21st Century thanks to Lista Hank, Rick Crouse and Paul Miller. You can now obtain information regarding the Alumni Association on the Web Site. You have to type in DCC. Edu on the tool bar, a screen showing locations will appear, click on Charity School of Nursing, and then click on Alumni and Friends. The goal is to keep the site current.

### Sisters, brothers, mothers, fathers, grandparents

John Pope of *The Times Picayune* has requested information regarding 3 generations of Charity nursing graduates. He is interested in writing a feature in the newspaper. I do not have access to that information and would appreciate receiving it from you. If you meet these criteria please let me know.



# CSN PROVOST REPORT

Patricia Egers, Dean of Nursing  
Charity Campus Provost

Well, life continues! We have just completed the coordinated accreditation visit from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing. Accreditation is based upon an extensive written self-study of the program and its meeting of the 23 national criteria. Three visitors study the document and visit the campus, college and clinical agencies to clarify, amplify and verify what was written. They met with faculty, staff, students, DCC Administration, DCC support course faculty, alumni, staff nurses, and administrators in hospitals. They were very thorough! At the Exit Meeting the visitors told us that they would recommend the full eight years of accreditation. The final verdict will not come until this summer. We are all quite proud and happy. This happened at just the right time. After being on a treadmill at fast speed since Hurricane Katrina, accreditation made us stop, think, and take time to plan.

From the visit we then moved directly into the Louisiana state budget crisis. Delgado must cut its budget by \$7,000,000. Since 80% of the budget is for salaries and benefits, you can imagine the anxiety of all as the college decides how to handle this huge hit. Higher education and health care are being devastated by the cuts.

This spring semester our enrollment in the R.N. program is 701 students. We have 73 full-time and 9 part-time faculty. The Practical Nursing program has 69 students with 8 full-time faculty. The students have clinical experience in just about any hospital in Orleans and the surrounding Parishes.

CSN is again offering an R.N. Refresher Course this summer for nurses interested in returning to nursing. Cheryl Myers, RN at (504) 571-1372 is the contact person for information about the course.

Once again, thank you for your support of Charity School of Nursing



## Exhibit in Louisiana's Old State Capitol Museum

For more than 250 years, New Orleans' Charity Hospital has served the indigent ill and in so doing has become an institution steeped in Louisiana history and politics. Throughout its history, Charity doctors have advanced medical knowledge and practice through their research, diagnostic advances, celebrated discoveries and innovative surgeries.

Louisiana's Old State Capitol Museum of Political History is in the process of planning an exhibition that will focus on Charity Hospital's remarkable history of dedicated service to the people of our state. According to Mary Louise Prudhomme, Executive Director of Louisiana's Old State Capitol, "The Charity Hospital exhibition will feature the remarkable dedication of Charity Hospital's Daughters of Charity, nurses, doctors and administrators who provided consistent and compassionate care for Louisianans while enduring hardships that included epidemics, wars, hurricanes, pirates and politics."

Currently, Louisiana's Old State Capitol Museum is in the process of searching for exhibition artifacts such as historic photographs, syringe kits, surgical instruments, apothecary jars, nursing uniforms, historic photographs, video clips, diaries, journals and interviews that relate to Charity Hospital's history. "Our hope is that Charity Hospital alumni and their families can help us locate the artifacts and stories that showcase Charity Hospital's fascinating history," said Prudhomme.

To donate or loan items of interest, please contact Nancy Chesson @ 225-342-0500.





# The Fight to Save the “Big C”

Sandra Stokes, Executive Vice Chair FHL

The fight to save Charity Hospital continues, thanks to the help of the Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association. Many members donated to the Foundation for Historical Louisiana’s (FHL) fund for an independent feasibility study of Charity Hospital.

The Foundation for Historical Louisiana (FHL) was charged by the Louisiana legislature to do the only independent study of Charity Hospital. With generous help, FHL was able to raise the \$600,000 necessary for a study of this magnitude. FHL hired RMJM Hillier, the 7th largest architectural firm in the world. Internationally renowned in both healthcare design and preservation, RMJM Hillier determined Charity was not only structurally sound, but could be gutted down to the irreplaceable one million square foot limestone shell and fitted with a 21st century hospital, allowing at least another 80 years of serving the community. (New hospitals are built with a life expectancy of 30 years.) But most important, they determined this would be **the fastest and most cost effective solution to return healthcare and a cutting edge teaching hospital to New Orleans**. Rebuilding Charity could be completed in 3 years of construction time and save hundreds of millions of dollars over the current LSU proposal for new construction.

After determining that the building could be fitted with LSU’s programming needs for a state of the art hospital, RMJM Hillier looked at how the reuse of Charity would affect the LSU / VA plans currently on the table. They designed a site plan that included rebuilding Charity, using the surrounding empty buildings for clinic and support services, and moving VA to the more sparsely populated site closest to Claiborne Avenue (presently preferred by LSU.) This alternative plan would allow for better synergy and co-location with all the medical complexes including Tulane, Delgado Charity School of Nursing, the new Cancer Consortium, the new BioInnovation Center, etc. Additionally, it would save most of the densely populated residential community consisting of over 120 historic homes and businesses, currently slated for appropriation and demolition by the currently proposed

VA Hospital site. RMJM Hillier’s plan would create a world class bioscience district, bring the same economic benefits, attract the same research and technology— but bring it to the city years faster and at much less expense and destruction.

In January, FHL and the National Trust for Historic Preservation presented the option of reusing Charity to the LA House Appropriations Committee. Even though it is clear that funding for LSU’s \$1.2B proposed new construction is not in place and huge budget deficits exist, homeowners and business owners have begun receiving notices that the land appropriation process has begun. And although the basic premise of choosing the 70 acres in Lower Mid-City was to locate the VA and LSU side by side in order to share services and save money— it was later revealed that there are no shared services.

The NO City Council has not held a public meeting to discuss their part in turning over 30 acres of a residential district to the VA. The NO City Planning Commission has a hands-off approach, and the highly reputable firm, Goody Clancy, hired to design a \$2M master plan for New Orleans, has been told not to include the medical district in their plans.

FHL, along with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, CHSNAA, and a growing list of over 45 local, regional and national organizations have asked Governor Jindal to call for an independent cost benefit analysis of the two proposals – including not only a comparison of the construction costs, but what it means to get jobs, the bioscience district and healthcare back to the city years sooner. We also are calling for open discussion of the proposed plans with the NO City Council and City Planning Commission, and inclusion of the medical districts in the master planning process. This is the biggest project in the recovery of New Orleans. Decisions should include an open and transparent process and be fact-based, providing the best outcome for all of the community. transparent process and be fact-based, providing the best outcome for all of the community.

## What can you do?

Please visit our website at [www.FHL.org](http://www.FHL.org) to learn more and to view the short video explaining the feasibility study. Urge your legislators and Governor Jindal to consider reusing Charity Hospital. Donate to FHL’s Charity Hospital Fund to support our ongoing efforts. We continue to need your help!



# DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS

## Sustaining Members

Audrae A. Quintini '42  
 Sherrill Hooper Millard '47  
 Dorothy Truman Bassett '48  
 Rowena Smith Christensen '51  
 Marijean Martin Pruett '54  
 Joan Anderson Blankinship '58  
 Esther Ogea Doucet '60  
 Joan Bero '63  
 Janette Foy Brown '64  
 Geraldine Bourgeois Daigle '64  
 Linda Sue Grimme Fontenot '65  
 Beverly Poche Chapoton '67  
 Mary McBride '67  
 Louanna Cardinale Whiddon '67  
 Charlotte Arras '71  
 Dorothy "Patti" Paxson Barker '72  
 Pat Lindsey Mancuso '72  
 Rose-Mary Alexander White '72  
 Dennis and Lynel Pinkozie '73  
 Charlene White Persich '74  
 Bryanne Murray Hamill '76  
 Joycelyn Jeansonne '78  
 Karen DelValle Tampira '79  
 William Borne '79  
 Claudette Boudreaux '80  
 Cydney Trahans Begnaud '81  
 Elizabeth Kelly Carlini '82  
 Renee Rago Schuller '83  
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 Gina West Ragland '86  
 Kevin Besse '91  
 Betty Trosclair Loumiet '92  
 Mitzi Ridgdell Arnold '93  
 Lista Hank '97

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Anna Darcey Gnade '46  
 Shirley Muhleisen '46  
 Marilyn Landry Roccaforte '46  
 Barbara Dupre Schexnaildre '48  
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 Jewel Poole Slade '50  
 Madeline Tolson Markwood '52  
 Sheila Bayer '53  
 LouElla Weber Trahan '54

Gail Decoteau '55  
 Nancy Mynihan Comish '57  
 Virginia Newman Lefevre '57  
 Patricia Mullins Roper '57  
 Kathleen Lee Taylor '57  
 Elaine Bodin Bond '58  
 Donna Aronson Donelan '58  
 Veda Yovanovitch Freedman '58  
 Lynda Vance Montagne '58  
 Phyllis Howdeshell Roberts '58  
 Rose Fraser Robertson '58  
 Wilmoth Austin Senentz '58  
 Betty J. Hartsock Smith '58  
 Frances Thibodeaux Huneke '59  
 Tommielu Lambeth Sparks '60  
 Barbara Ellison Wasano '62  
 Phyllis Bourgeois Beeching '63  
 Miriel LeBlanc Callaghan '63  
 Lynne Gordon Cook '63  
 Yvonne Gauthier McGaha '63  
 Brenda Rabren Putman '63  
 Dixie Berlage Fabre '64  
 JoAnn Uhl Grisamore '64  
 Ann Barry Carroll '66  
 Linda Kay Fontenot Joiner '66  
 Virginia Faris Angle '67  
 Teresa Hebert Dias '67  
 JoAnn Glass Faust '67  
 Mary "Ellen" Potier Hebert '67  
 Jean Hageney Houin '67  
 Carolyn Desselle Righter '67  
 Cynthia Mouret Schexnayder '67  
 Cindy Cardella Beniger '68  
 Dolores Lanclos Castille '68  
 Lana Collins Craigo '68  
 Betty Falgout Hebert '68  
 Catherine Blackwell Holland '68  
 Judith Webb McNeil '68  
 Gwendolyn Dupuy Rizzuto '68  
 Joyce Paul Koch '69  
 Patti Rouchon Burcham '70  
 Mary Margaret Cavallino '70  
 Faye Leathem Flaherty '70  
 Lorraine Cox Wickware Mathis '70  
 Lucy LeBlanc O'Regan '70  
 Joan Cousins Damon '71  
 Sandra Devine '71

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 Donna Pitfield Mawson '71  
 Susan Pye Stone '72  
 Cynthia Bourgeois Wagley '72  
 Louise Schwartzberg Harrell '73  
 Sherry Smith Simmons '73  
 Pamela S. Boos '74  
 Karen Sahuc '74  
 Donna Blanchard Landry '75  
 Carol Palmisano '75  
 Marion Sams Johnson '76  
 Daisy Thom '77  
 Frances Zink Hodnette '78  
 Cathryn Parsons Smith '78  
 Kirk P. LeVasseur '79  
 Arlene Stroman Becker '80  
 Julia Taylor Healey '80  
 Nancy Capponi '81  
 Patricia Ross '81  
 Mary Beth Prejean Benoit '83  
 Nancy Coleman Coffey '85  
 Rosemarie Bruskotter Delatour '90  
 Fabiola Burl Batiste Mills '90  
 Kim Morris Keith Chatman '92  
 Mary Ann Oubre Moody '92  
 Patrick Gerard Oncale '93  
 Toni Granier Rabalais '93  
 Angelique Hagmann '94  
 Terese D. Sahuque '94  
 Lisa Hymel Schlesinger '94  
 Glenda Graham Waguespack '94  
 Marjorie Johnston Remes '95  
 Charlene LaCoste Wilson '95  
 Elizabeth Scanlan Bowen '97  
 Laurie Bonomo Gros Talamo '98  
 Ecoee Rooney '99  
 Ricky Rena Burns '03  
 Tina S. Roberts '06  
 Amy Nunez Jacob '07  
**Silver Star 2008**  
 Celina Machin Haynie '51  
 Louella Perry Gumpert '54  
 Nancy McCloskey Jantz '59  
 Merian Saliba '62  
 Rose Rockenbaugh Gough '63  
 Peggy Portie Parigi '67  
 Joan Beauchen Gasper '68

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Nina Wills Long '68  
Brenda Crump Trosclair '68  
Perry Meche '77  
Mary Walker Luce '78  
Sandra Tracy Bailey '79  
Patricia Lane '79  
Melissa Manuel Deshotels '81  
Ann Burstall Donley '83  
Veronica Gautreaux Theriot '85  
Jodi Fremin '90  
Teresa Vise Andries '91  
Emily Sinar Clouatre '97  
Virginia Helton Casey '02  
Lisa Brown Legeaux '05  
Savana Thomas '06

**Sister Stanislaus 2008**

Martha Evelyn Milligan Larsen '42  
Dorothy Smith Daniels '46  
Anne Lillard Williams '51  
Barbara Perry Stallcup '58  
Bobby N. Torbert '60  
Charlotte Voinche' Guinn '61  
Patsy Cormier Hammett '63  
Lynn Nilsson Laikin '64  
Patty Lyons Finan '67  
Barbara Bonner Folse '68  
Katherine Magner '68  
Ginny Graves Clark '69  
Patricia Carreras Pankey '69  
Carolyn Bartsch '70  
Julia Joyce '75  
Mary MacGregor '79  
Susan Hargis Duke Early '80  
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Betty Ruth Wilson Guin '49  
Gretchen S. Hill '50  
Dixie Poole Keyes '50  
Martha Boone Taft '51  
Louella Gumpert '54  
Tommye Crooks Halphen '56  
Rosalind Goodbread Baldwin '57

Soledad Pedreira Cheramie '57  
Rosetta Tumminello '57  
Marilyn Jody Jacob Klein '58  
Patricia Higgins Russell '58  
Marie Boyle Segrave '58  
Geraldine Nolan Fulks '59  
Nancy McCloskey Jantz '59  
Maxine Brown Jones '59  
Judith Flach Prevou '60  
Cecile Vining Even '62  
Camella Patti Christensen '63  
Saundra Mallory Deaton '63  
Dorothee Delatte Kochsiek '63  
Patricia Davis Lennon '64  
Frances Spicola Cummings '65  
Martha Meaux Genin'65  
Diane Blumberg Howell '65  
Katherine Eskridge Crawford '66  
Elaine Ledoux Phares '66  
Jean Hageney Houin '67  
Cynthia Mouret Schexnayder '67  
Dolores Lanclos Castille '68  
Sandra Roselle Hintz '68  
Karen Parr Moise '68  
Linda Bourgeois Monica '68  
Judy Lafleur Ross '68  
Catherine Breivogel Trussell '68  
Mary Reck Andrulot '69  
Mary Reaney-Gates '69  
Mary Margaret Cavallino '70  
Gayle G. Fertitta '70  
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Fabian Thibodeaux Whitney '71  
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Chong Sun Ahn '75  
Barbara McClees '75  
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Mary Lemoine Putman '75  
Sherry Smith Simmons '75  
Jan Carrio '76  
Kathy Roth Jones '76  
Suzanne Delhomne Lemoine '77  
Daisy Thom '77  
Marilyn Nola Hammett '78  
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Ruth Duhon Incaprera '50  
Dolores Marsh Alford '51  
Joyce Allen Urode '60  
Ann Sneed Sorrells '65  
Claudia Haller Gordon '68  
Linda Boudreaux Guedry '70  
Camille Bourgeois Whittaker '70  
Rabetta Touchet '74  
Julie Munster Joyce '75  
Mary Walker Luce '78  
Sandra Tracy Bailey '79  
Kimberly Marshall Schroeder '97  
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Bobby N. Torbert '60  
Carol Ann Mancus Dentz '62  
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These classes are trying to organize their class reunion and we do not have addresses on the following class members. Please call the office at 504-571-1395 or e-mail me at [csnalbumni@dcc.edu](mailto:csnalbumni@dcc.edu) if you have their address.

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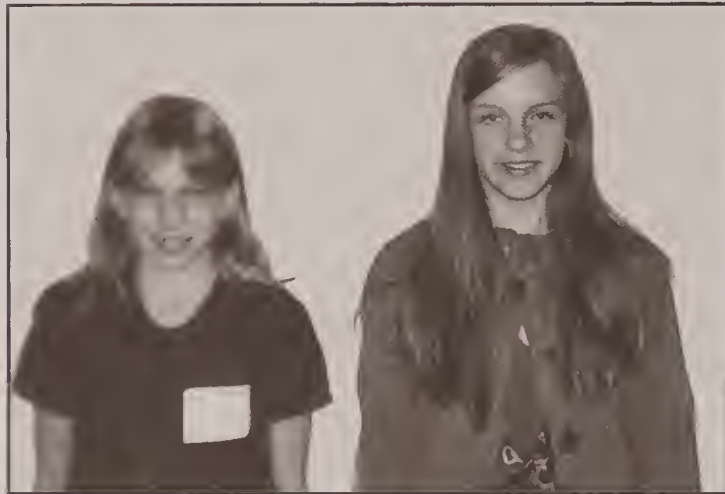
From the left: Alice Brady, Esther Wood, Margaret Palmisano, Ursula Allain, and Lisa Stokes-Hasten.





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On the right is Erin Halley Andrus, granddaughter of Alice Brady '64. She has been attending the Breakfast/Luncheon since age 2, and always asks when are we going to eat with the old ladies. Emily Fourcade, granddaughter of Vivian Larkin Manes '70 is on the left.



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Joycelyn Jeansonne '78*

As I sit down at the computer to address the Alumni in this Fall Newsletter, I realize that it is the last time I will write to you in my capacity as President for 2008 – 2010. As I stressed in the White Cap, I can not believe how time flies!!! I hope everyone took the time to have a cup of coffee or tea and really enjoy reading the 2009 Spring edition of the White Cap—we tried to make it very informative as well as enjoyable and fun. Thanks to all who worked so hard to get it into circulation.

Since the White Cap is mailed to all Charity graduates, I will try not to be redundant, but instead give you an update on two important topics that the Alumni Board has been working hard to bring to life. First, we are ready to start taking orders for the commemorative etched bricks (order form included in this issue). This project will not only help to replenish funds so we can continue to assist the students and faculty of CSN, but it will also help to renovate the outdoor courtyard off the nursing school lobby. This will once again give the current students a pleasant place to have functions or just relax. Also adorning this wall will be a granite plaque with the outline of the pin and the pelicans. The cost of this granite plaque, \$1900 to \$2000, will have to be deducted from the sale of the bricks, since only profits from this project can go into the account. So, I am once again asking you to help defray the cost of this granite plaque with your donations. Any small amount will be appreciated and will help to make this project a big success.

The second topic is what many of you have been writing and calling about—Homecoming 2010!!! Yes, the board has been working very hard to make this another wonderful event. Believe it or not, several places that we have inquired about are already booked for October 2010. Please mark your calendars for the weekend of



*The Charity Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1959 held their 50th Reunion at the October 3, 2009 Alumni Breakfast.*

October 16th and 17th. After checking out dozens of venues, it was decided that we should remain at one location for both Saturday night and Sunday breakfast. We were looking for a place to accommodate our size, easy access to parking, close proximity to the school, a great view, available date, access to hotel rooms, and a moderate price range with a decent food selection. This was not an easy task!! We selected the Westin Canal Place at the foot of Canal on the River. This will make it easy for those of you who are planning class reunions and want to block off rooms for your group. It will also make it easy for you to get “home” at the end of the evening. Look for all the details and order forms in the Spring White Cap. Hope to see you there!!!

The Annual Luncheon Meeting will be held sometime after Mardi Gras 2010. Please watch your mail for an order form for the meeting early in 2010!!!! Have a great rest of the year and safe, fun-filled Holidays!!! Let us hear from you and please vote!!! Hail Charity!!!!



# Put Your Mark on Charity School of Nursing: Order Your Brick!

Charity Hospital School of Nursing provided strong support for our nursing careers in a building full of memories for generations of Charity nurses. When you purchase a brick, you'll become a part of this building that continues to serve as a keystone for so many.

Our bricks will be mounted on a wall in the outdoor courtyard off the nursing school lobby, which will be renovated to create an attractive area for students to relax between classes. When you purchase a brick, you (or your gift recipient) will receive a commemorative certificate within four weeks.



*Order a brick for yourself, as a gift, in memory of a classmate or teacher, for your class or organization!*

**Brick Engraving:** Use the grid below to write **clearly** and exactly how you wish your engraving to read. Maximum is three lines with 20 characters per line. (If you want all caps, only 16 letters will fit per line.) Please write one letter per block, and leave one block for a space between words. Spaces and punctuation count as characters. All lines will be centered on the bricks.


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# Greetings from the Executive Director

I thought about what would be an interesting topic for my article, and my mind went blank. So I decided to talk about what you could do to make my job easier. I am not saying that my job is hard because it is not; in fact it is quite easy and enjoyable. There are two things that you could do to make it even better. One, when you call the office speak clearly leaving your full name and telephone number very, very slowly. Remember I am not as young as I used to be. Two, when you send in information please give me all your names. Some of you have had several husbands so, I need it all. Oh yes, there is a third point—please notify the office when you change addresses or names.

The Alumni has lost 27 friends this year and one of those was a member of the Alumni Board. You elected her to the Board for 2 consecutive terms; she was Esther Wood. She fought the battle of cancer and did not win the war. She attended the meetings not feeling well many times, but she was determined to serve you the best she could. She will be missed.

In this newsletter you will find the nominations for **two board members** and the **secretary** position. I have heard people say that they don't know any of the candidates therefore they do not vote. I am asking that you select who you think from the bio information, and vote!!!

One of our largest expenses is communication, which we all agree is very important to keep an organization alive. I wish I knew that sending the post cards out to you as a reminder was worth the expense. We only send it to the graduates who live below Alexandria in LA, the lower section of MS and AL. Please give me an indication if you believe it is worth \$1,500.00.

Thank you for all the support you have given to the Alumni this past year. I am looking forward to a greater year in 2010.

*Doris Burvant, '60*

**Buy your brick today! SO FAR, 30 bricks have been sold.**



**Audrey Chadwick** was the high bidder for the CHSN cape. She considers herself extremely fortunate, and sent a wonderful note. As a little girl, she remembers seeing a Charity graduate walking "in uniform" on Canal Street wearing her beautiful navy blue cape with the red lining. Seeing that made her want to grow up to be a nurse.



## ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS

*Roberta Bartee '66*

During the academic year faculty members of the school Advisory Committee, the Deans and Provost meet with representatives of regional health care agencies contracted for student clinical experience. The purpose of the occasion is to exchange practice updates and educational initiatives, to share professional visions, and to discuss the performance of recently employed graduates. National initiatives associated with patient care as well as those affecting school accreditation are presented and influence the preparation of students for practice in the current health care environment. Membership of the Advisory Committee includes a representative from the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Board of Directors recently voted to support the event by funding the Fall and Spring luncheons held at the school of nursing. The meeting of the Advisory Committee with clinical agencies is a significant moment for aligning the fields of practice and education in an investment to benefit all, and influence patient care.

## Rosemary Breaux's Pin Finds Home



In the last issue of the White Cap we announced that Rosemary Breaux's daughter had offered her mother's CHSN nursing pin to a graduate who was in need of a replacement. She was looking for a "good home" for the pin because it meant so much to her mother.

We received three requests from members for the pin. Ironically, all three letters were received in our office on the same day.

What should we do to resolve this dilemma fairly? We decided to hold a drawing.

**Joan Kaufman Wilson '75** won the drawing. Needless to say, she was thrilled over her good fortune.





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*Esther Toy Wood '49 9/4/09*

# ALUMNI NOTES



The Silver Star Slammers 70's basketball team won the silver medal in 2009 Nations Senior Olympics tournament, held recently in San Francisco Bay area. Our own **Jody Gates '60** was a member of the team. Go!!!! Jody never too old.

**Khaleelah Hasan '84** was highlighted in the NODNA news. I hope you got to read the article. She is Membership Chair for NODNA. She is presently teaching at Louisiana State University Health Science Center.

**Debi Edwards Bolotte '72** wrote, "I am fine with 3 daughters and 3 grandsons. My family practice husband is still busy here in Napoleonville. I do a lot of sewing and traveling. My passion is French which I've been studying for 25 years..still not fluent though. Life is good. I cherish my Charity memories...what a special time in my life."

**Maria Guitierrez Lahey '81** is working in a cath lab in the Houston, NW Medical Center and loves the job. She has met a few Charity graduates. "Hard to miss the cool pin", she said.

**Celina Machin Haynie '51** has been named one of the 11 women honored by the Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations as the 2009 Louisiana Heroine Award winner; she was honored for her work with the Lafayette Community Health Care Clinic. A friend of hers sent the following letter, "She has been and still is an inspiration for many nurses. When we were student nurses on her Neuro Unit she treated us as equals. She had a way of teaching what nursing was all about. She was a role model for us. She has volunteered many years and has always given willingly to these organizations. She always avoided recognition for all her works. She has been honored by the LSNA District IV and received the Nurses' Hall of Fame Award in 2008."

**Ruth Christ Sullivan '45** shared her feelings regarding the closure of Charity Hospital by visiting the hospital, "I sat on the front steps and cried." She was a part of the Cadet Nurse Corps Program. She is the founder and Executive Director of an Autism Services

## For Your Information

If you want to get up-to-date information on the status of the Save Charity Hospital efforts, check out [www.savecharityhospital.com](http://www.savecharityhospital.com), an extensive website dedicated to the preservation of Big Charity. There are articles about why Charity matters, community efforts, and information on how you can get involved. (You'll recognize a few alumni in the videos from the Second Line in August 2009 where over 1200 people from all walks of life marched in support of Charity Hospital.) And of course, our friends at the Foundation of Historical Louisiana have updates on their website, [www.fhl.org](http://www.fhl.org).

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# Beautiful New Print of Sister Stanislaus Memorial

Artist Mary Etta Holiday has created a captivating original print exclusively for the CHSN Alumni Association featuring an image of the Sister Stanislaus Memorial building (the old nursing school residence hall) watched over from on high by ethereal Daughters of Charity in their distinctive winged caps.

This beautiful, high-quality, full-color print is available to alumni for the extraordinary price of only \$15 plus shipping and handling. The poster is an easy to frame size of 11" x 14" on medium-weight glossy stock.

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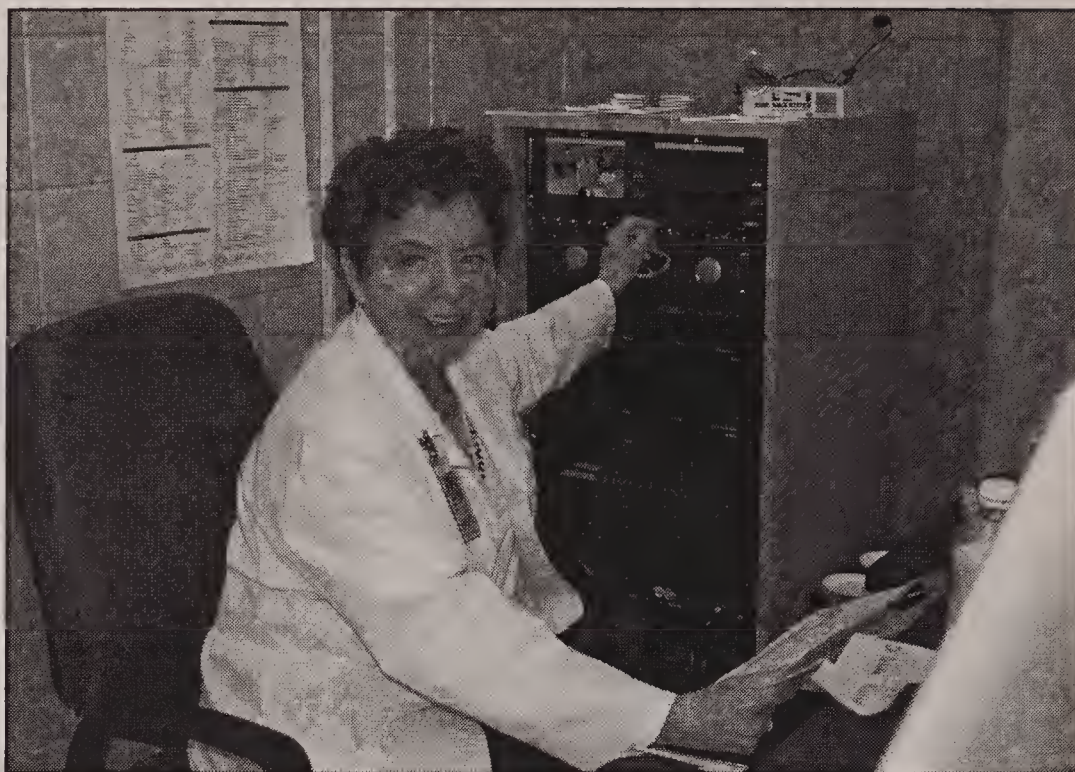
by: *Mary I. Trosclair MN RN*  
*Coordinator of Simulator Learning*

During the Fall semester of 2003, the School of Nursing began using clinical simulations as one of its many teaching strategies. The Human Patient Simulator (HPS) is a high fidelity computerized mannequin that has very realistic features such as the ability to speak, heart and breath sounds, vital signs, pulses, urine production, etc. This life-size model can be configured to be any "patient" that will help students accomplish learning objectives. In the HPS Lab, the students fulfill the role of a registered nurse, not a student nurse. Usually they are given a report from the off-going nurse (a faculty member) and then their timeframe "shift" begins.

As a result of its true high fidelity, the HPS model can exhibit the signs and symptoms of most disease processes. It will respond to the nursing interventions that are performed such as an improvement in respiratory rate, oxygen saturation values and other positive events if oxygen is initiated. The simulator responds verbally to questions and often has a range of emotional needs that must be addressed by the nurses providing its care during the scenarios. As part of realism, the nursing scenarios often include an opportunity to care for a patient who develops a change in health status that requires astute observation, critical thinking, and quick action.

After the scenario ends, debriefing sessions are guided by faculty to help students to affirm concepts that they understood, and to identify those that require additional study. The proverbial educational light bulbs are flashing and deeper understanding and learning occur daily. Usually these sessions are quite lively and engaging. Students are quick to recognize which actions by "the nurse" were not the best ones that could have been done. Often they don't recall the positive actions and decisions that were made. Since this faculty believes that confidence and competence are interwoven, students often have to be reminded of the positive observations that are seen.

During the summer of 2009, the Director of the Media Services Rick Crouse organized a team of Delgado Community College employees to install sophisticated



audiovisual recording equipment. It allows students to view the scenarios and witness first hand all of the events that occurred, not just recalling the glaring negative ones. With the help of our Computer Lab staff and our favorite maintenance staff member, Mr. Jose, now scenarios can be recorded and reviewed during the debriefing sessions. The funding for this equipment was from a combination of sources, one of which is our dedicated Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni. The donation from the Alumni allowed us to purchase the last piece of the puzzle of technology, the audio mixer.

In August, 2009, the first students to benefit from this gift were enrolled in the last nursing course, Nursing of the Adult Client II. For those who remember the stressful Code Workshop, they will attest that it is a demanding clinical day during which the students provide advanced cardiac life support to the dying "patient." Faculty recorded the students as they provided this intensive care then used the recording to guide the debriefing sessions. Having the actual recording to view allowed faculty to discuss not only the quality of resuscitation activities, but also communication skills, leadership skills, and team work of the nurses. This expanded the value of the experience and will undoubtedly, help students transfer their knowledge into the "real world" of healthcare.

We extend a sincere thank you to the Charity School of Nursing Alumni for always supporting the educational needs of our students. With your support, the School of Nursing continues to offer contemporary education that leads our graduates to fulfill the tradition of excellence since 1894. Thank you.



# MEMORIES...



I was very excited to see an envelope from Charity Hospital School of Nursing in the mail. I had heard and seen the damage of Hurricane Katrina to Charity Hospital and read of all the problems that resulted, but no news since then.

Back in 1943 I had arrived by bus at the front door of the Nurse's Home, from Clearwater, FL, ready to become a registered nurse. It was my life.

While there I met my future husband, Dr. Virgil C. Daniels, Jr.

I am a Blue Ribbon member and received my 2005-2006 planner.

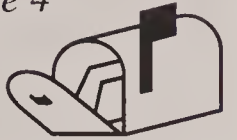
Enclosed is a picture of 5 Cadet Nurses; (left to right), Ruby Wilson, Georgia Lane, Edna Ward, Jeanne Wallace, Estella Sias. They were all inducted in 1945. All students were taken to the Roosevelt Hotel and inducted on the radio.

The other picture is the little statue originally in front of Charity Hospital.

Yours truly,  
Jeanne Daniels (age 87)  
Class of '47



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center in Huntington, WV. Ruth received the Autism Society of America's 2006 Founders Award.

**Linda Sue Grimme Fontenot '65** sent the following e-mail, "After four children and six grandchildren, I finally graduated from the University of Tennessee Center for Health Science on May 29th with a Doctor of Nursing Practice with a focus in Forensic Nursing. I worked full time as a nurse practitioner at a residential alcohol and drug rehabilitation facility that is about 10 minutes from where I live. The wind beneath my wings; Joseph L. Fontenot, MD; retired from cardiology several years ago. Joseph currently serves as the medical director for a non-profit foundation, which he started several years ago to help individuals with visual impairment."

**Juliette Lafond Kaufman '34** fell and broke her hip in January. She is living with her sister Aline Lanfond '41 in Opelousas in their family home.

**Colonel Goldie Marie Ladner '50** died March 14, 2009. Her military career extended from multiple stateside operating room assignments to overseas duties that included a Vietnam combat tour 1969-1970. She also was the chairman of Operating Room Services at the Air Force's largest medical facility, Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas from which she retired in 1979 returning to her family in Louisiana. She was heavily decorated with a Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, and Valor Medals during Vietnam. Colonel Ladner was known for her humility and devotion to duty, her family, and loved ones.

Goldie was very proud of her Charity Hospital School of Nursing training. She felt CHSN graduates could care for all types of patients. The Nurses' Corps knew she was a Charity graduate.

**Janet Foret Lococo '56** has authored four books since her retirement from perioperative nursing in January of 2001. Her first three books were humorous autobiographies; this "just released" book — "Lost Innocence" — is a hot romance novel. Visit her website: [www.cajunwomanenterprises](http://www.cajunwomanenterprises) to order.

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After high school there was no chance waiting for me as it was time for my dad to rotate home for Schofield barracks in Oahu. Lucky for me, one of my high school classmates had heard of Charity in New Orleans and we both applied.

I have no idea what my parents thought I might do with my life after high school. They did not enter into the equation. I was on my own and had no feelings about that, other than to have a plan. Peggy and I wrote to Charity and sent the applications back in.

Then we had to catch a ride into Honolulu to go to the University of Hawaii for a placement test. I have no memory whether or not it cost anything for this test. It happened for both of us. We, my parents and I, left Hawaii in mid-June and drove across country to the next assignment at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. I got a small job at the base pool and made enough money to travel by bus to Chattanooga, TN, to visit my grandparents.

I asked my Grandfather for \$90 to pay what Charity required for admission. He gave me a check and I went off to Leesville, Louisiana, to visit my friend from the 8th grade there.

This next kindness almost makes me cry: her dad, who was assessor of Vernon Parish, and Melva drove me down to New Orleans and to the school. They left me and my footlocker (army kids had only footlockers) out on the steps and drove away. This was a problem because there was no sign saying Charity Hospital School of Nursing. The only writing over the entrance said Sister Stanislaus Memorial. Well, you know I went in. That was the beginning of my adult life. I was 17 years old and ready for the next chapter. It was a glorious adventure and I loved every classmate and every upper classmate just because they were there with me. My grandfather paid for the other half of my admission fee at the end of the 3 years. I saved the \$100 fee to enter anesthesia school in Jan of 1960.

Suzy Andry '59

CHSN Alumni Association Membership Renewal Form

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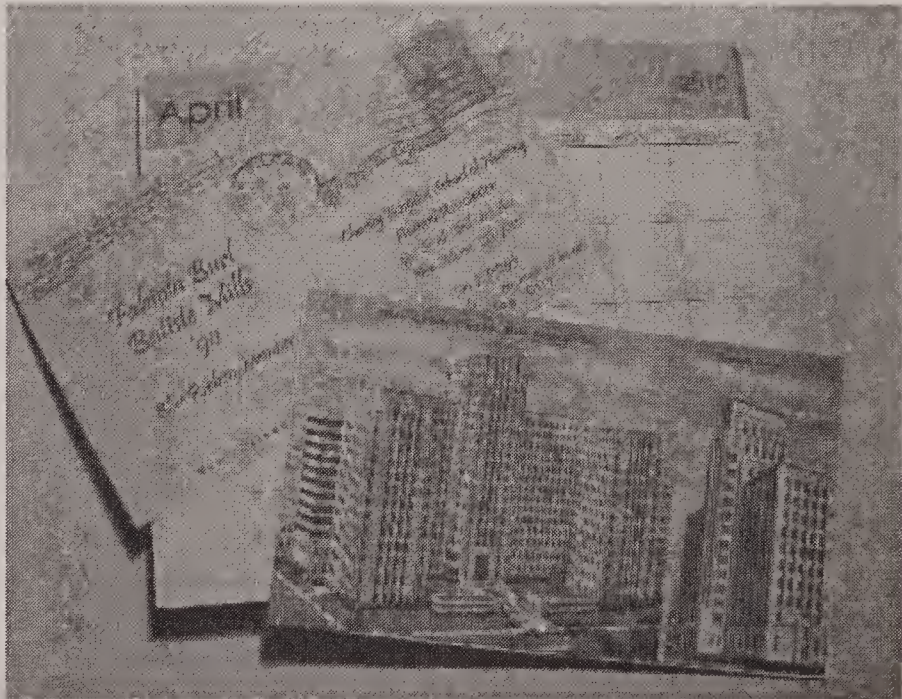
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- I Want to Renew my Annual Membership Dues:
- ☐ \$15 Regular Membership
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- ☐ Donation to the Scholarship Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Donation for the Brick Central Plaque: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Charity Hospital School of Nursing ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

# **2009 BALLOT**

**DIRECTIONS:** Circle the names of the candidates of your choice. Place the ballot in the small envelope marked “BALLOT.” Seal the envelope and insert it in a larger mailing envelope addressed to CHSN Alumni Association. You may send your luncheon reservation and other materials in the same mailing envelope, but please enclose only this ballot inside the BALLOT envelope. This protects the privacy of your vote.

### **DEADLINE FOR VOTING:**

**Ballots must be received on or before December 15, 2009, to be counted!**

#### **SECRETARY**

**Roberta P. Bartee ‘66**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS (Vote for Two)**

**Cecile Ginger Andry ‘58**

**Cindy Scheyd Caron ‘76**

**Chantal Dillon ‘90**

**Julia Simoneaux George ‘69**

**Vivian Larkin Manes ‘70**

**Rose-Mary Alexander White ‘72**

After making your selection, please place this ballot in the enclosed “BALLOT” envelope.

Mail your ballot to:

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450 South Claiborne Ave  
New Orleans, LA 70112**



# Candidate's Biographical Data

## BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES

### **CECILE GINGER ANDRY '58**

**EDUCATION:** Diploma, CHSN; BSN, LSU

Ginger has been a member of the CHSN Alumni Association Board for the past two years. Ginger taught at Mercy School of Nursing until it closed. She is a fluent speaker of French which she learned after age 50 and has been active in the French Community in New Orleans for the past 20 years. She has been a board member and is President Emeritus of the Alliance Francais, which seeks to preserve French culture in our area. She is currently president of the Council of French Societies. Ginger is a Lifetime Member of CHSNAA, and is a resident of New Orleans.

### **CINDY SCHEYD CARON '76**

**EDUCATION:** Diploma, CHSN; BSN, LSU

Cindy has been a member of the CHSN Alumni Association Board for the past two years and has also served on the Nominating Committee. She retired in 2006 after 30 years of nursing, but is now working part-time at LSU's interim public hospital. Cindy regularly provides the opening prayer at alumni meetings and is actively involved in her church, as well as working with families of children with cancer. Cindy is a resident of New Orleans.

### **CHANTAL DILLON '90**

**EDUCATION:** Diploma, CHSN; BS in Health Arts

Chantal is an Operating Room Supervisor on the Trauma Shift at University Hospital. She was an ICU nurse prior to becoming an OR nurse, and has dedicated her career to Charity Hospital. Chantal is a mother of two and has been married twenty years. She is a resident of Metairie.

### **JULIA SIMONEAUX GEORGE '69**

**EDUCATION:** Diploma, CHSN

Julia's last name was Chiquet when she graduated. After experience in surgery, recovery, organ recovery, and ICU, Julia worked in dialysis for 25 years. She retired from full-time nursing in 2000, and has since worked part-time in home health and cosmetic surgery. She remains ACLS certified. Julia enjoys gardening, photography, volunteering, and church activities. She is a resident of Metairie.

### **VIVIAN LARKIN MANES '70**

**EDUCATION:** Diploma, CHSN

Vivian has served on the Nominating Committee for the CHSN Alumni Association and is a regular volunteer for the Association mailing days and other activities. Vivian is a certified case manager and works primarily with injured workers on referral from workers' compensation carriers or employers. She is a Board Member of the Case Management Society of America, Greater New Orleans Chapter. Vivian also has a daughter who is currently a student at Charity School of Nursing. Vivian is a resident of New Orleans.

### **ROSE-MARY ALEXANDER WHITE '72**

**EDUCATION:** Diploma, CHSN; BSN, Wm.

Carey; MSN, Univ. of Phoenix.

Rose-Mary is a State Surveyor, inspecting health care organizations for regulatory compliance. She has been treasurer of CHSNAA in the past. She is a member of NODNA and financial secretary of her church. Rose-Mary is also a Commissioner-in-Charge of a voting poll and enjoys crocheting, traveling and watching classic movies. She is a resident of New Orleans.

## SECRETARY CANDIDATE

### **ROBERTA BARTEE '66**

**EDUCATION:** Diploma, CHSN; BS; MS; BC

Bobbie has served as secretary of the Alumni Association for the past two years and has been a board member in the past. She is a member of the Charity School of Nursing faculty. Bobbie has been a nursing educator and has served in administrative appointments throughout her career. She is a resident of New Orleans.







